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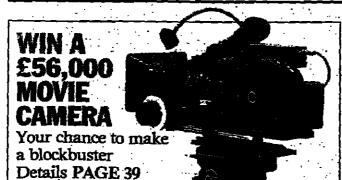
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oil fair

By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

The news comes a day after

The Department of Trade

The Foreign Office, which

political and economic pres-

Yesterday, however, a spokesman said he saw "no

contradiction in the promo-

tion of British trade in Iran at

a time when political relations

were deteriorating. He said

"critical dialogue" was still the

European Union's policy to-

About ten British firms are

expected to take part in the fair

and the DTI will offer logisti-

cal support. A Foreign Office

spokesman said it would offer

duced in the US Congress by

Senator Alfonse D'Amato and

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invests heavily in Iran's ener-

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in America, However, this

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Howard seeks to overturn defeat

Peers reject mandatory sentencing

By Frances Gibb and James Landale

MICHAEL HOWARD last changes to his tough new sentencing plans after the Government suffered an eight-vote defeat on its law and order policy in the Lords. A line-up of peers, former Tory ministers and judges, including three past and present Lord Chief Justices, backed a cross-party move giving judges greater sentenc-ing discretion

The changes give judges power to set aside the mandaminimum sentences which the Crime (Sentences) Bill would impose on persistent burglars and drug dealers if they felt the fixed penalties

would be unjust.
Lord Bingham of Cornhill, the Lord Chief Justice, leading the judicial attack on the plans, said judges simply wanted the power not to impose a sentence which was offensive" to their moral consciences and professional judgment. The Home Secretary immediately condemned the changes to the Bill carried by 180 votes to 172 warning that they put at risk the Government's law and

order measure. The move showed that Labour could not be trusted on crime, he said. It would "completely undermine the tough and effective action againstprofessional burglars which is contained in the Crime Bill".

I am going to reverse this amendment because it drives a coach and horses through the provisions of the Bill," he told Channel Four news.

Baroness Blatch, the Home Office Minister who led for the Government in the Lords, said the move would undermine Government efforts to protect



Bingham: led attack

the public from persistent: offenders. "Burglars and drug dealers will rejoice at these amendments," she said.

The defeat was the second inflicted by the Lords on the Government in the past two weeks. The other was over Mr Howard's plans for new police bugging powers. Lord Hallsham of St Mary-

lebone, the former Conservative Lord Chancellor and Lord Carlisle of Bucklow, former among those helping the Government to its defeat.

It opens up the prospect of a further defeat of the Govern. ment in the Commons in the run-up to the election if no commonise can be reached. But Labour, who did not oppose the Bill in the Commons, will risk accusations of being soft on crime if they fail to support it when it comes

before MPs again. Instead, Labour hope Mr Howard will now come under pressure from senior Tories. who have already voiced their concern about the Bill, to make concessions to ensure the safe passage of the measure before the election.

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, said last night. Trepeat my offer to the Home Secretary to engage in sion on this Lords defeat as he and I had on the Police Bill." The amendments preserved the idea of minimum sentences, he said, but made the Bill workable.

Last night's defeat came over one of the Bill's most controversial measures: proposals for mandatory minimum sentences of three years for repeat (third time) domestic buglars and seven for drug

The Bill also introduces automatic life sentences for second-time violent and sexual offenders and abolishes the

present system of parole.
Lord Bingham, with his predecessors Lord Taylor of Gosforth and Lord Lane sitting near by, said that passing sentence was not a "mechanical task", and drawing up rules of thumb was not the solution.

against the Government. The Labour amendment was also hacked by 13 past and present law lords, 77 Labour peers, 41 Liberal Democrats, 37 crossbenchers, and the Bishops of Birmingham and

Hereford. The defeat was widely welcomed by the Law Society, Bar and penal groups. Paul Cavadino, chair of the Penal Affairs Consortium which represents 33 criminal justice bodies, said the Lords had "struck a blow for fairness and justice in sentencing."

> Debate, page 10 Peter Riddell, page II with a friendly smile as she Leading article, page 21 stopped her car at a check-



Lorraine McElroy, who was injured in the shooting in Bessbrook. "My heart aches for the family," she said

'I keep seeing soldier's smile'

By NICHOLAS WATT CHIEF IRRIAND CORRESPONDENT

THE woman who narrowly escaped death in the IRA gave a harrowing account yesterday of how Lance Bombardier Stephen Rosterick was shot in the back as he stood smiling at her.

Lorraine McElroy, 35. a Roman Catholic, was taken to hospital in the same ambulance as the soldier. "That was probably the most horrific thing I have ever endured in my life because I watched a young man dying. I just wanted to go and hold him because he was so alone and

he was dving." Mrs McElroy, who suffered a ricochet wound to her head, said the soldier greeted her with a friendly smile as she

point. She said she was familiar with reports of soldiers being killed in Northern Ireland, but said there was nothing that could prepare her for watching a friendly young

horrific was that he was smiling at me. Last night when we got home all I could think of was his face smiling at me. My heart just breaks for his family."



Stephen Restorick: shot as he smiled at family

Bessbrook, Co Armagh, ricocheted off his rifle before grazing Mrs McElroy above her left eye. She said: "I actually thought that I had thought the same."

Mrs McElroy said she was driving home from a trip to buy ice cream with her husband, Tony, also 35, and their two children, David, one, and Sean, 13. They were flagged down by L/Bdr Rosterick at the checkpoint. "When it came to ourselves the soldier recognised us. He would always smile and say hello to the baby in the back of the car. He took my driving licence and was literally handing it back to me and smiling and saying thanks when it happened. There was a crack and Continued on page 2, col 5

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day said that there had been no US pressure on Britain to curb trade with Iran.

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Beijing tension

Tension continued in Beijing as Seoul sent a delegation for talks with Chinese officials about the North Korean official taking refuge in a South Korean diplomatic com-



Romantic John outwoos Tony

By Andrew Pierce POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR reveals in a Valentine's Day interview today that marriage to Norma was the most significant event of his life and far more important than becoming Prime Minister.

Tony Blair, who has been married to Cherie for 16 years compared with the 26-year union of John and Norma, is much less romantic. Asked in Cosmopolitan magazine, features the Labour leader in its directory of the 100 sexiest men alive, which

was the most significant event of his life, he replied: "Becoming the Labour Party leader."

Mr Major told Cosmopoli-tan: "it's trite but true. Marrying Norma is the single most significant event of my life. I was married to Norma long before I became Prime Minister. I will be married to Norma long after I cease to be Prime Minister."

The party leaders both agreed to the interviews with the women's magazine as part of their effort to raise their appeal with women voters. Mr Major wore a grey suit for his interview while Mr Blair

was more relaxed in khaki trousers and denim shirt at his

Islington home. The Prime Minister, challenged about his grey image, denied he had been to an image consultant. They are all booked up with the Labour Party," he said. Mr Blair clearly has not taken advantage of their services. When asked whether his shirt was from Gap, he said: "It's not actually. I bought this from

Woman points gun at judges

By RICHARD DUCE

A WOMAN was on the run last night after she threatened three senior judges with a gun and sparked a huge security alert at the Royal Courts of Justice in London.

The Victorian Gothic buildings were sealed off for more than four hours as armed police searched seven miles of corridors in a fruitless hunt for the woman. Hundreds of bewigged judges, barristers Tracing suspects, page 5 | wearing robes and court officials spilled out on to the valentines, pages 24, 25 | pavement in The Strand as the

courts were evacuated. All legal business for the day was abandoned.

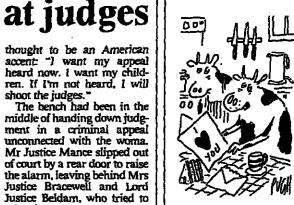
The incident, in oak-pannelled Court number seven, has raised concerns over security at the courts, even if the weapon, which witnesses described as resembling a Luger pistol, proves to have

been imitation. The alert began at about 12.20pm yesterday when the woman, wearing a green anorak, walked forward from the public gallery holding the gun in front of her in a doublehanded police-style grip.

calm the woman. After brandishing the gun at the judges for some three minutes, the woman left by the She shouted in what was Continued on page 2, col 6

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Tune in, fade out, as the Commons stars play it safe with repeats

Thythin yesterday betrayed much. A last-minute our European partners" (or change of vocabulary spoke volumes. The leggy Economics Secretary to the Treasury had been slightly disconcerted by the arrival of the Prime Minister, for Questions, just before the end of Treasury Questions where she was fielding the last inquiry. Wishing to explain the position on the ... Continent, she began her sentence: "So many of our

her. Almost certainly she had intended to say "so many of-"ailies" or even "friends") but, on second thoughts, was European partnership courant as an ideal these days? What was the Cabinet compromise on this? Had she

missed an internal memo? She could have upped over the other way, and gone for "our European rivals" (or "en-'emies" or even "foes" but this, too, might displease the Prime. Minister, and would certainly

John Major was almost beside displease her boss, Kenneth her. Almost certainly she had Clarke. What should Mrs

Knight do?
"So many," she said, "of our European fs2 . er ... countries .. " Especially in politics. there is refuge in gibberish. Or in repetition. It has been

rightly said that a statesman must choose between repeating himself and contradicting himself. Yesterday Tony Blair asked the same question that he has asked at least twice before, about BSE in cattle -going to do about it? - and

MATTHEW PARRIS POLITICAL SKETCH John Major replied with the

same accusations he always dishes out on these occasions: that the Opposition should stop undermining British agri-culture, at this sensitive

It may be that both mer have decided that the safest course for each is to stage a rerun of favourite Dispatch Box exchanges from recent years - a sort of These You Have Loved, or House of Commons Gold - from now until the election.

There were a couple of variations on the theme. The Labour leader managed to mention Northern Ireland in his question. This was presumably with an eye to possible Unionist support in the coming debate on the

who in the past has accused the Shadow Health Secretary, Harriet Harman, of aggravating the BSE health scare, now appears to have decided that she caused it almost single-

A viral infection in cattle? Contaminated feed? Species cross-over to humans? Nothing of the sort! The whole thing was caused by Mrs

To loud Tory cheers behind him. Mr Major said that it was her attempt "to stoke up a

health scare" which lay behind the bills that Britain now had to pay for cattle slaughter.

Where is she?" shouted Government backbenchers. Too modest to appear,

It really is quite an achievement by this unassuming middie-class lady from Peckham to have wrecked the nation's livestock industry with one remark - public confidence is hanging by a thread - in the Commons chamber.

There was another small change in Mr Major's script, yesterday. Tony Blair asked the cost of the crisis had now reached £3.36 billion. "Yes," said Major, that was

For a second, Mr Blair. looked quite taken aback. It was as if the stage prompt had given the PM the wrong line. He was supposed to ignore the question, whereupon the Labour leader's script directed him to taunt the PM for evasion. But he had not ignoted the question. What was Blair to do?

Easy. He ignored the

Judge backs

boy, 9, over

foster care

A High Court judge yesterday upheld a nine-year-old boy's right to say who he wants to look after him. Mr Justice Scott Baker criticised Devon social services for threatening

a foster couple with jail unles

The boy had lived with the couple for 2½ years and was

happy they were going to adopt him. Nobody had asked the child's opinion be-

fore deciding he should be

handed back to a previous

foster couple be had not seen

for over two years. The judge

ruled that the boy's wishes

and feelings were paramount.

No link between

officers' deaths

they gave up the child.

Ex-minister attacks leak 'shambles' in conduct committee

A FORMER Tory minister called last night for the inter-rogation of senior colleagues on oath as part of a public inquiry into leaks from a Commons disciplinary com-

Richard Ryder, a former Chief Whip, claimed that an MP on the Commons Standards and Privileges Committee had told journalists that he was criticised in a report. Mr Ryder demanded that the 11 committee members should be interviewed publicly to discov-er which MP had leaked details of the report before its publication yesterday:

The report does not criticise Mr Ryder by name but says that the Whips' office that he headed had made a mistake in 1994 which had damaged the work of an earlier disciplinary

Mr Ryder wrote to Tony Newton, the committee chairman, demanding that the committee carry out a full investigation into "this shambles" before it conducted a bigger inquiry into allegations against Neil Hamilton, the former Trade Minister accused of accepting cash pay-ments to table Commons

His intervention, and the threat of legal action against report, which cleared Andrew last month that he had not whip to his committee.



Ryder: said an MP had leaked criticism of him

Mitchell, a Social Security minister, of improper behaviour. Mr Mitchell, who served as a government whip on an earlier disciplinary committee investigating claims against Mr Hamilton, was accused by Labour of using his position in 1994 to try to influence fellow

Tory MPs on the committee: The committee, which comprises senior MPs of the three main parties, accepted Mr. Mitchell's assurances that he had never used his whip's position to influence Tories while serving on the Members' Interests Committee, but had served simply as a backbench MP. Five Tories who served on the now defunct committee wrote in sup-

port of his assurances. Mr Mitchell told the Stan-.

bers' Interests Committee was quasi-judicial · committee. However, yesterday's cross-party report said: "We consider that all members should have been aware that the Members' Interests Select Committee was a quasi-judicial committee."

The report reserved its main criticism for the decision to appoint a whip to the committee. Whips are particularly associated with the political parties they serve," the report by the Tory-dominated committee said.

"We conclude that it is inappropriate for whips of the main parties to be appointed to any committee considering the conduct of individual members or which otherwise sit in a quasi-judicial capacity.

"Such appointments are bound to give rise to suspi-cions of political interference, whether such suspicions are justified or not. The appointment of Mr Mitchell was a mistake which damaged the work of the select committee on members' interests during 1994 and 1995. "We recommend the House

never in future appoints a whip of one of the main parties to any quasi-judicial select committee." The report said that Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, then chairman of the Members' Interests commitpublication of the committee's tee during a public hearing about the appointment of a



Sir Richard Scott yesterday: "The record over the past years suggests there needs to be a supervisory mechanism"

Scott calls for check on ministers

By Valerie Elliott WHITEHALL EDITOR

SIR Richard Scott, the Vice-Chancellor, said last night that Parliament should appoint a watchdog to check that government ministers were not withholding infor-

mation from MPs. In an interview to mark the first anniversary tomorrow of his report into the arms-to-Iraq affair, Sir Richard said that he was particularly concerned by ministers' use of the term "commercial confidentiality" to block information.

aware of the frequent use of

in relation to defence sales overseas. "When government has to weigh up the public interest exception, what sort of commercial confidentiality is of sufficient weight to offset the balance of something that is of the highest democratic importance?" Sir Richard said yesterday.

"commercial confidentiality"

He believes that ministers could still be misleading MPs and that it is important to establish an independent check. He suggested the ap-pointment of an officer of Parliament who had the right During his inquiry he was to call papers and see whether hived off to private firms and public interest the Government had exceed- quasi-independent bodies. Sir

ed its use of "public interest This week the House of

Commons for the first time published a list of questions tabled by MPs that were blocked by the Government during the past year. The Department of Trade and Industry blocked the highest number, 51 questions, citing commercial confidentiality in 14 cases. The Ministry of

Defence blocked 50 questions. There has been particular concern among MPs about difficulties in obtaining information on government work Richard has not monitored the answers, but he said: "The record over the past years suggests there needs to be a supervisory mechanism, independent of government, to keep an eye on whether the public interest exception is

pleased with government response to his report. It was sion on a new system for export licences had been delaved until after the election. It was "excellent" that the new harm test now applied to

Labour and said he looked

forward to the campaign. He

derided Labour's vote of cen-

sure on Douglas Hogg's han-ding of the beef crisis as a

stunt, and said he would not

be offering deals to the Ulster

Unionists to preserve the Gov-

ensure a full Tory turnout for the debate, which could pre-

properly used or overused."

Sir Richard was otherwise reasonable" that a final deci-

Peter Curran, 38, a prison officer from Whitemoor jail, Cambridgeshire, found dead 19 months after disappearing, Wer Sams died from "immersion in wat-er", police said. He was found in his submerged car. Police found no link beeight vear ween the deaths of Mr Curran and Marcia Whitehurst, 37, another officer at the iail who died in similar circum ikidnap stances last month.

Police suspended over sex claims

Three officers have been suspended over allegations of ndecent sexual behaviour involving a strippagram woman at a birthday party in the bar of the Lancashire Hutton, near Preston, Fifteen officers from different forces have been ordered to leave the centre. The Police Complaints Authority is to supervise an investigation.

Couple jailed for blowing up house

A couple who blew up their house to claim £310,000 on insurance have been jailed for 212 years by Gloucester Crown Court. Abdul and Julie Patel, 46, were convicted of arson. The couple, who were E44,000 in arrears with mortgage payments and feared subsidence had made the property unsaleable, blamed a racist attack after a fire at their house in Gloucester.

Anti-gun group's £lm campaign

The Snowdrop Petition, the anti-gun campaign set up after the Dunblane massacre. is to run a £1 million cinema, press and poster advertising campaign in the run-up to the election. The London advertising agency Delaney Fletcher Bozell is offering its services free of charge to keep the handern issue in the the handgun issue in the public mind during the election campaign.

Woman priest at St Paul's delight

The Rev Lucy Winkett, the first woman priest to be appointed to St Paul's Cathedral, said yesterday she was "delighted" to accept the job as a minor canon, which has

dismayed traditionalists. Miss Winkett, 29, who is on a skiing holiday in Austria, said that she was looking forward to working at the cathedral from September.

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Major derides Labour devolution proposals

By JILL SHERMAN AND ANDREW PIERCE

JOHN MAJOR will today attack Labour over its devolution plans, claiming they would "destroy 1,000 years of British history

Speaking at the Welsh Con-ference in Holywell, the Prime Minister will attempt to deflect attention from Monday's censure motion on Douglas Hogg by insisting that Mr Blair would gerrymander Britain and play party politics with our nation". He will add: "Labour would throw a bone to the vapping does in Welsh and Scottish separatism in the vain hope that they might follow the party."

Mr Major will also open a

Commons debate on the constitution next Thursday, in an sive on the issue after the embarassing row over Ste-phen Dorrell's change of tactics on a Scottish Parliament. Tony Blair's aides said the Labour leader was now preparing for a March 20 general

election. But that date was firmly ruled out by Tory party sources last night, and the Prime Minister again pointed to May I in a television interview. But in a clear hint that the date would be later rather than sooner, Mr Major said: There is a general election in the not too distant future. People should sit back and relax and not get too over-

such a heavy and important legislative programme going through Parliament, with Bills on education, firearms and law and order. Mr Major refused to rule out a televised debate with

ment had no need to go to the country early when there was

erament's majority.But it emerged that Malcolm Rilkind is to fly back from Singapore this weekend to excited about it." He said that the Governcipitate a vote of confidence if the Government is defeated.

Shot soldier

Continued from page I flash and the next thing I knew there was blood pouring from my head."

Mrs McElroy was scomful yesterday of the IRA and said she would hate to think that the world thought the terror-ists represented Irish Cath-

She said: "Whoever did this had a clear view of what they were doing. They saw that soldier, they saw him speak-ing to me. There was a baby seat in the back of the car, they didn't know my baby was in it. They did not care ... they killed that man and were quite happy to kill me and whoever else was with me as long as

they got him." in Peterborough, where L/Bdr Rosterick's grieving family gathered at his home, his parents, John and Rita Restorick, condemned the IRA as "cowards" but called for calm and appealed for the

loyalists not to retaliate. The shooting was widely condemned on both sides of the Irish border yesterday. John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, told the Irish Parliament: "This murder is anti-Irish and it is antithetical to all the interests of all the Irish

Gun scare at courts

Continued from page 1 same door as Mr Justice Mance, and disappeared in the labyrinth of corridors. She came within yards of the Lord Chief Justice. Lord Bingham of Cornhill.

Mr Thomas MacKinnon, the barrister conducting the interrupted appeal, said Lord Justice Beldam and Mrs Justice Bracewell deserved medals for bravery. "The woman sprinted from the public gallery at the rear of the court and up the stairs beside the judges'

He described how Mr Justice Mance calmly left the court while Mrs Justice Bracewell told the woman: Why don't you put your gun

Bracewell: "deserves

Mr MacKinnon, who said the weapon resembled a Second World War Luger, added: There is some debate as to whether it was a real gun. She told everyone not to move, and when the senior court registrar, Ray Armstrong, moved towards her and said he would like to take down

> move. If anyone moves, you will all get shot." He said the woman, who was 5ft 2in, appeared de-ranged and talked gibberish. The court shorthand writer, who is pregnant was last night said to be deeply shocked.

One theory is that the woman had intended to target Mrs Justice Bracewell, a family division judge, because her grievance appeared to centre on a child-custody matter.

details of her case, she pointed

the gun at him and said: 'No

one will get hurt if you don't

Within 10 minutes, police had drafted in an armed response team carrying machine-guns. The search, overseen by Superintendent Louisa Elliston, relied on biveprints of the 1871 building

designed by George Street. After it was wound down. Ms Elliston said: "We have not found any sign of the lady or of a weapon. We have a

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GP who hid fatal error jailed for manslaughter

A FAMILY doctor who failed to perform a simple test that could have saved the life of a young father and then tried to falsify his medical records has been jailed for a year for

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manslaughter.
Salim Najada, a GP in
Birmingham, failed to diagnose diabetes in Peter Coles, 28, though he was showing the classic signs of the condition and even his mother had guessed that he had diabetes: Mr Coles, of King's Heath, Birmingham, who had two children aged five and three, lapsed into a diabetic coma and died at Birmingham's Selly Oak Hospital on Decem-ber 6, 1992. He had visited Najada, who ran a singlehanded practice in King's Heath, several times during the previous three weeks complaining of a dry mouth, excessive thirst, dizzness and fatigue.

On one occasion he took a sample of urine, but Najada did not test it. Instead he was given a sick note, a mouth spray and treatment for a

chest infection and vertigo.
Nigel Rumfitt, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury at Birmingham Crown Court that Najada was "criminally incompetent". He said that Najada had falsified the medical notes when the coroner began investigating to make it appear that he had been



Salim Najada, left, who failed to identify Peter Coles's condition, instead prescribing medicine for vertigo

aware of the serious nature of practise in Britain in 1981. His his patient's condition but had been unable to persuade him to attend hospital. However, his deception was revealed at the inquest when the coroner produced a photocopy of the original, unamended notes.

Najada, a Jordanian who qualified in Madrid, was jailed for 12 months after being convicted of manslaughter and perverting the course of justice. He began his sentence in December but the judge imposed a ban on reporting the case because other charges were pending. The ban was lifted yesterday, after the other charges were

Najada has had an eventful

he came home he told me the doctor said it was a chest infection. I blame Najada for my son's death. If he had done his job properly Peter would still be around today. He'll be out soon but I've lost my son forever and his kids have lost their father." Mr Cole's former wife Su-

san, 32, a nurse, is hoping to claim civil damages against

It is estimated that 1.4 million Britons suffer from diabetes — an inability to produce sufficient insulin — and the average GP has 50 cases on his list. Diabetes can be easily diagnosed by placing a dipstick in a sample of urine. The diagnosis is confirmed by a blood test and the condition can be treated by control of the diet or injections of insulin.

£3,000 in 1993 by the family health services authority, but allowed to continue in practice until convicted last November. His 900 patients were asked to find new GPs by the end of last

When he has completed his sentence, which could be in eight months, the General Medical Council will consider his case and is expected to strike him off the medical register. Although he would have the right of appeal for restoration to the register after 12 months, it is unlikely that



Louise Woodward arriving handcuffed at the court yesterday

Nanny pleads not guilty to baby murder

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN BOSTON

THE nanny accused of murdering a nine-monthold baby in America pleaded not guilty yesterday. Louise Woodward, 18, of Elton, Cheshire, listened to Judge Bletzer's decision to refuse her bail in silence at the small district court in the quiet Boston suburb of Newton.

Matthew Eappen died of a brain haemorrhage, allegedly after being struck on the head. Miss Woodward has admitted losing her temper with the child, shaking him and throwing him on to a

Lynn Rooney, the Assistant District Attorney disclosed that a post-mortem examination had found a 212 in fracture in the rear right-hand side of the baby's skull. "This child died after a blunt force trauma to the head," she said. "It would suggest that the amount of force was extremely severe. He was struck against an extremely hard object causing trauma and whiplash bruising inside the

Maria Galvagna, for Miss Woodward, said she was "no threat to the community or the victim's family". She added: "Despite the fact that she is British, she should be accorded all the rights of this

court, including a presumption of innocence." Miss Woodward stood expressionless through out the brief hearing. She had arrived at the court in leg-irons, arms held in front of her in handcuffs and seemingly bewildered by the bright sunshine,

noisy television cameras and intrigued onlookers. Miss Galvagna said that a leading Massachu setts barrister had offered to take Miss Woodward in. It was "hard and unjust" to keep her in the women's prison in nearby Framingham, where she had been moved from solitary confinement to a general wing. However, Judge Bletzer swiftly rejected her request for bail.

A grand jury will decide the severity of the murder charges to be laced by Miss Woodward. They range from manslaughter, the least serious, to first degree murder, which could carry a life sentence. The defence's tactics may include a request for a mental examination.

The defendant's father, Gary Woodward, a builder, watched yesterday's hearing from the front row of the public seats. "I have no comment

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Killer Sams given eight years for jail kidnapping

MICHAEL SAMS, the killer and kidnapper, was yesterday given another eight years in jail for holding a probation officer hostage to draw public attention to his prison

Sams, given four life sea-tences in in July 1993 for the murder of Julie Dart, a Leeds prostitute, and the kidnap of Stephanie Slater, a Birmingham estate agent, had taken. Julia Flack hostage inside Wakefield jail. He was found not guilty at Durham Crown Court of attempting to murder Mrs Flack, the wife of the Bishop of Huntingdon; but

guilty of false imprisonment. Sams, 55, originally from Newark, Noninghamshire, had told the court that be planned to take a hostage so he could air his anger at the refusal of legal aid for him to sue for libel over Miss Slater's claim in her book that she was raped while she was his prisoner. He was also incensed that the prison authorities had prevented him selling his paintings for children's charities and refused to consider his complaint that six of his books on railways had

been stolen by staff. Mrs Flack, 50, who was accompanied in court by her husband John, who was archdeacon of Pontefract at the time of the attack, was upset at the verdict. She dropped her head and wiped tears from her

The eight-year sentence will run concurrently with the life sentences. Mr Justice Moreland described the offence of false imprisonment as "very grave" but suggested that the Director of Prisons and Chief Inspector of Prisons should investigate the way that Sams's complaints were were

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data for the telephone system,

Perry, who work in the same

London office, were among

the first 190 to ring a British Airways hotline after lopm on

Tuesday, to take up the offer celebrating the tenth anniver-

tion. The pair separately dialled the special 0345 num-

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Today they will today travel

to New York on Concorde's Valentine's Day flight with

their partners. The return trip

Thames Street, Holborn.

sary of the airline's privatisa-

it emerged yesterday.



Julia Flack: was held hostage on prison visit

handled.

The court was told that when Mrs Flack tried to hit a panic button, Sams, who was armed with a sharpened metal spike and a length of tape, told her. Touch that button and you are dead."

Fellow inmates said they heard Mrs Flack scream "almost like death and found Sams with his left arm around her neck and struggling with her on the floor. After the verdict Mrs Flack said: "Although he is already serving a life sentence I think it was right he was prosecuted for his attack which indeed did threaten my life. His conviction gives a message to everyone in prison that the law will uphold the right of people like myself not to face intimidation

or assault from prisoners." She said that being crossexamined by Sams was "a considerable ordeal for me personally but nevertheless it was important as part of my own recovery process. I would go back to working in a prison again if I had the chance but the moment." -

BT refuses inquiry over staff's

By GLEN OWEN AND STEPHEN FARRELL TWO British Telecom staff usually costs £5,400. The offer has insisted the win was pure

was one of the most-oversub-

scribed ever, with 20 million

calls between 9.50pm and

Despite BT's insistence that

the offer was a lottery for all

those taking part, experts last

night called for an investiga-

tion, claiming that insiders

may have known short cuts to

avoid calls being filtered out

by the 'call gapping', or screening, mechanisms. Rich-

ard Cox, an independent

telecoms consultant, said:

"Data Build are probably the

group of people who know

most about how the system

works, apart from the BT

Network managers in

Oswestry and London. BT

has a duty to the public to

10.15pm.

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Grobbelaar 'took cash for forecasts not fixing'

former practice partner, Danuta Kazzmarska, was

murdered in 1986. She had

been hit over the head and her

body berns on a pyre of

cushions at her Birmingham home. Najada, who admined

having an affair with Dr-Kaczmarska, was briefly

arrested but was not charged

and the murder remains un-

father, said that the sentence

was ridiculous. His wife, Margaret, 60, said she had

urged her son to ask the doctor

to do a test for diabetes. "I had

noticed he was drinking exces-

diabetes so he should see the

sively and said it might be

Frank Coles, the dead man's

By Lin Jenkins

MONEY alleged to have been received by Bruce Grobbelaar to rig matches was paid purely for forecasting results, the goalkeeper told Winchester

Crown Court yesterday. Mr Grobbelaar said to had nevel thrown a match or accepted money to do so. Asked by his counsel, Rodney Klevan, QC, if £25,000 he had given to Christopher Vincent, a friend, to invest in their native Zimbabwe had been "a reward for throwing games", he replied: "There is no truth in that."

He said that his bond with the Liverpool fans would have prevented him from letting them down. "You don't go on to the field to lose games."

Mr Grobbelaar, 39, was giving evidence for the first time on the 21st day of the trial. He and Hans Segers, 35, John Fashami, 34, and Heng Suan Lim, 31, deny conspiring to give and accept corrupt payments. Mr Grobbelaar also denies corruptly accepting

£2,000 from Mr Vincent The goalkeeper said he had been introduced to Mr Lim, a Malaysian businessman, by Mr Fashanu, who said he might be able to find investors for a safari park project in Zimbabwe. Later Mr Lim asked if he was interested in forecasting games, something

newspaper in Norway. "Naturally the answer was ves. He said he would give me some money: £250 for a correct forecast of first division matches," Mr Grobbelaar said.

He admitted receiving £1,000 cash from Mr Lim at a Manchester hotel but said it was for forecasting, not match-fixing as Mr Vincent The trial continues.

chance "We came in to do

some work, and thought it

was worth a go. Some might think that we found some way

there would be no investiga-

tion without evidence of

wrongdoing. He refused to

reveal the men's jobs at Data Build. One of their colleagues

confirmed that the depart-

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more about what we do. We

all have to sign the Official

A BA spokesman said it

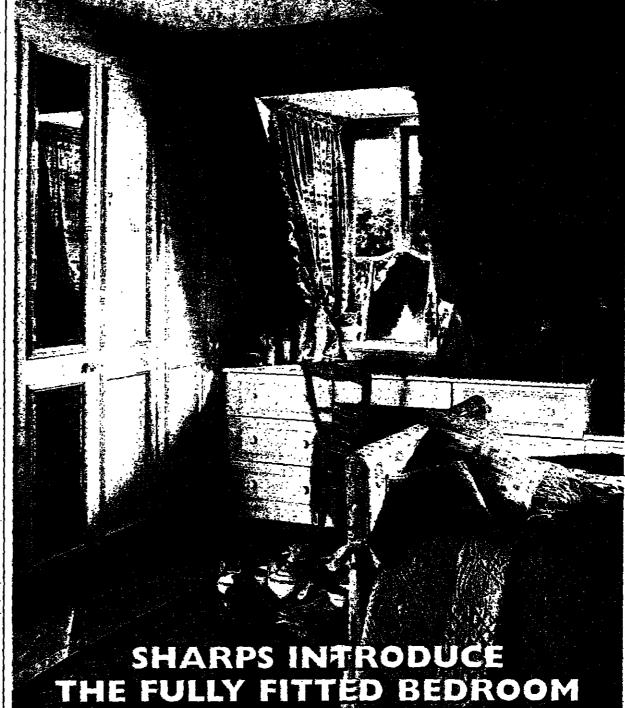
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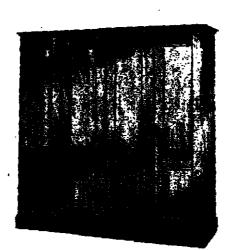
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'For goodness sake, get round the table — we want his death to focus people's minds'

Murdered soldier's parents appeal for calm after shooting

STEPHEN RESTORICK, the loving young man who loved rave music and mountain biking, but it was the Army that gave him a purpose in life. friends said yesterday.

As his family gathered at his home in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, his parents John and Rita Restorick condemned the IRA as cowards but called for calm and appealed for the lovalists not to retaliate. Mr and Mrs Restorick hope that their son's death will inspire renewed efforts for peace.

I think ultimately Ireland should be one country." said Mrs Restorick, 47. Both parents said the Government must accept some of the blame for letting peace "slip through

John and Rita Restorick spoke to their son on Sunday

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Stephen, aged five: as a boy, he wanted to join up

Restorick's message. want his death to focus people's minds. I expected this to make just a little paragraph in the newspapers, hidden away, but at least people are taking notice. It could not have been a

> "I don't blame the Army at Northern Ireland. "He accept-

> > his first model aircraft and

other son, Mark, 26, said they had decided to speak to the media to draw as much attention as possible to the killing. They said they would remember their son, who would have been 24 this month, as an extrovert, with a smile on his face, and full of affection. "He would always throw his arms around me." said his mother.

The danger was not something we really spoke about." she said. "It was just understood between us that it went with the job. As far as I was concerned, joining the Army was the last thing I wanted him to do but you can't dictate how your children live."

Of their last telephone conversation, on Sunday, Mrs Restorick said: "He was just talking about the long hours he was working. It was just he was happy enough.

all for what has happened — it was just one of those things." Mr Restorick said he sat down with his son when he decided to join the Army and explained that he might find

> From the moment he made was denied his first choice.



A soldier on patrol yesterday near the scene in Bessbrook, South Armagh, where Stephen Restorick was shot by a sniper at a checkpoint

October last year. Lisa Fel-

joining the Armed Forces. He was a member of the Air Training Corps in Peterborough and stayed on an extra year into the sixth form at **Bushfield Community School** to retake his GCSEs, hoping to follow his father - a sergeant fitter for 22 years - into the RAF. But cutbacks meant he

The teenager had a series of

employed when he signed up with the Army.

When he passed out after training in 1992, he finished in the top 10 per cent of his group, winning selection to the 3rd regiment of the Royal Horse Artillery. As a 19-yearold he went on his first tour to Northern Ireland, in the same year, and returned there from the regimental base at Topcliffe, North Yorkshire, for a second six-month duty in

lows, 23, a schoolfriend for six ears, said: "He did not enjoy Northern Ireland but the Army gave him a purpose in life after being unemployed. He found it difficult being away from his family and

young, it is unfair. He always wanted to go into the forces the Airfix models hanging from his ceiling were a standing joke." Colin Clark, 24, went for a meal in Peterborough with him when Stephen returned home briefly over Christmas. We got quite drunk, ate too much, said Mr speak about Northern Ireand; he said he could never relax over there."

His commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Matthew oughly popular man. His

curate against a human target from a maximum of about

He described the semi-auto-

matic rifle, with a telescopic

600 yards, Mr Hogg said.

easy-going nature and ready sense of humour made him many friends in his battery nto baby and regiment." Lance Bombardier Restor-

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ick — who had been planning to leave the Army in a couple of years, his parents said will be cremated in Peterborough but there will not be a full military funeral, at his parents' request. "No rifles, no shooting over the grave." said

Sniper's weapon was meant for machines, not men

By Nicholas Watt and Michael Evans

AN IRA gunman armed with a 5ft-long American sniper rifle is thought to have been responsible for the murder of

The rifle, a Barrett "Light 50" M82Al, was developed to penetrate armour and destroy equipment, such as aircraft and radars. It fires a bullet weighing just over 12 ounces at 2,900ft per second, and would have a devastating would be like being hit by a the Editor of Jane's Infantry Weapons, said. The gun is believed to have

been smuggled out of the ago and the IRA may have two in its armoury. It is used by the US Army and has also been purchased by the SAS because of its anti-equipment capability.

Lance Bombardier Restorick was the first soldier to be murdered by an IRA sniper since December 1993. His death brings to 12 the number of troops and RUC



The 5ft Barrett Light 50 was designed to pierce armour

officers killed by snipers since 1992. There has been speculation in Northern Ireland that one sniper has been responsible for all the shootings, but security sources believe that the IRA has trained more

than one person to fire such

weapons. Lance Bombardier Restorick was hit by a single

0.5-calibre round. The Barrett

Light 50 has a range of more

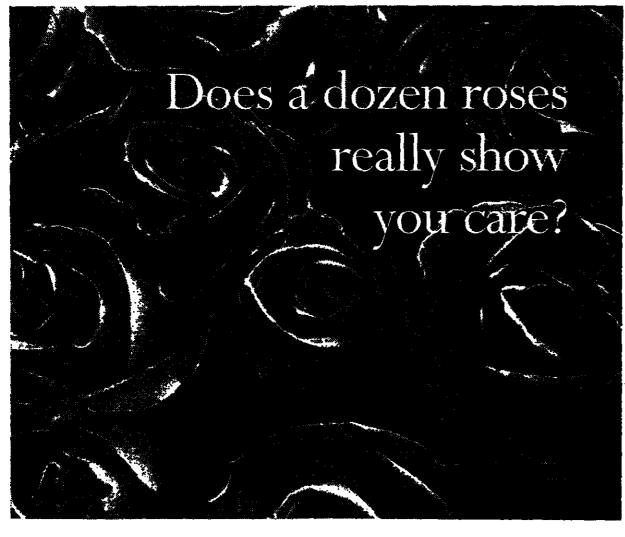
than 2,000 yards for large

fired from the back of a van before escaping to an IRA safe house along the border from the murder scene, at Bessbrook in Co Armagh. IRA snipers have also opened fire from behind walls and from specially built platforms. During the last wave of IRA

shootings the words "Sniper

above a drawing of a gunman on a mock road sign. This was amended to include the words "On hold" during the 18-

Northern Ireland last October with two car bombs at the Army's headquarters. The shooting of Lance Bombadier Restorick is likely to have been endorsed by the terrorist leadership. One of the most hardline IRA members in South Armagh sits on the



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Private detectives seeking suspects in Valentine mystery

By Oliver August

PRIVATE detectives are being hired for up to £500 a case to find the anonymous senders of Valentine cards. They use modern surveillance technology and handwriting analysis to track down senders.

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Frustration at missing out on what could be a beautiful romance is the main motivation for the detectives' clients. Barrington Detective Bureau, in Mayfair, said: "We are inundated with calls. People are desperate to find out where the anonymous cards come from. The investigations are not always successful but we have a reasonable success rate."

rate."
Anusch Massarrat, 23, received an anonymous card in the post last year. The front of the card was adorned with the words Free Love printed in the shape of a heart, while the back simply said Holiday Love in red handwriting. Massarrat, an assistant at a west London film production

company, picked the number of a private investigator out of the Yellow Pages and handed over the card and a list of possible suspects. She said: "I simply had to know. This could be the dream lover. If he is so sure he wants me then I should at least have a look at him. I thought, it must be someone I have been on-

Valentine messages, pages 24 and 25

holiday with. That's a limited number of people."

A week later the detective sent the card back, saying that he could exclude most of the people on the list but was unable to purpoint the sender. He said he had compared the

suspects' addresses to the loca-

tion of the post office that

ed by the postmark. He also researched the origin of the tard and conducted a handwriting analysis on the basis of handwritten letters given to him by Ms Massarrat. The investigation cost £200.

The Confidential Investiga-

tions agency in Kilburn, west London, said it used exservicemen in Valentine's card cases. They were trained in "discreet video surveillance and telephone recording". A brochure promises "comprehensive service and expert advice in strictest confidence".

Detectives say there is no age limit on the Valentines seeking their services. Robert Anker of AAble Investigations in Romford, east London, said he investigated a card sent to a 13-year-old Mormon girl. He said: "The girl received the card in the post but was so embarrassed she put it in her father's Bible. The card said how wonderful she was and how the sender wanted to



Anusch Massarrat's search for the sender of the Valentine's card she received in the post was unsuccessful

spend the rest of his life with her. The sender said he wanted to meet her on Valentine's Day at McDonald's.

The mother then found the card in the Bible and suspected her husband was up to something because it was hidden in his Bible. She contacted us and handed us

family photographs of her husband. Two of our operatives went to McDonald's under cover at the suggested time. "And indeed, her husband turned up. But with him he had the girl's two grandfathers. As it turned out, the three had planned a special state."

was very relieved. Really, a very touching case."

A couple are due to marry at Ashford International Station today after collecting Eurostar vouchers in *The Times*. Yvonne McMeel, 44, and Barry Cooke, 50, will spend their honeymoon in

The ceremony in the station's VIP lounge will be the first wedding to have been held there. Eurostar staff will act as witnesses for the couple, who come from Watford, Ms McMeel said: "We came to see the terminal and fell in love with it. We always want-

Families send cards to their pet loves

AN INCREASING number of people are sending Valentine cards to their pets (Alan Hamilton writes). The Plain English Campaign found that dogs and horses won most hearts.

Chrissie Maher, director of the campaign, said that staff interviewed customers outside card shops to discover buying patterns: "Many people said they had bought a card for their pet. We thought they were using an affectionate term for their partner. In fact they were referring to their animals." Most were with families, and often accompanied by young children.

"We have known for several years that people send Christmas and birthday cards to their animals, but sending Vaientines is a new trend," said Ms Maher, who lives on a Derbyshire smallholding with five dogs, 45 cats and several cows. She has never sent a

card to any of them.

The campaign's award for the "yuckiest" verse went to: "One day Cupid spotted me and found it in his heart. To pull his little bowstrings back and shot me with his dart."

Bashful snuggles up to babytalk

By ALAN HAMILTON

BABYCAKES is aiming Cupid's arrow at Harry the Hunky Money, and Mr Happy Pants is on the prowl again. Beeblet Bunny has stuck his head above the parapet, Woofer has designs on Diddly Wumps, and that perpetually lovesick pair, Woozzie Woopots and Fluffy

Wuffykins, are on the loose.
Watch out, Breathless of Brompton, it is St Valentine's Day, that one occasion of the year when a bashful nation is permitted to apply the language of the nursery to the intentions of the boudoir, and to do so in public.

Today two entire pages of The Times are surrendered to readers in the name of love, whether true, unrequited or

If there is a message in this year's messages, it is that romance is not confined to the early stages of the mating game, but can still blossom like Christmas roses, long after the first summer of a processing is reset.

Many of today's crop speak of love in its late autumn: "Fifty not out thanks to you": "To my wife and Valentine of 51 years with grateful thanks"; "Our silver years together have been divine".

What lasting partnership created: "My Forties Valentine, fifty years on you're

flowering of passion behind: "Thank you for lighting the evening of my life?

evening of my life"?

Babycakes and Cuddle
Puppy Beagle Woof may still
want to huggie and pash, but
there is an older, wiser
thought behind Norbert's
message to Agnes: "We never
thought of divorce, but often
of munder."

If anything, baby language is in decline this year, with a bit less of the humply-dumplies and woogly-wogglies, and a great many messages are, as tradition demands, unsigned.

Several would-be suitors quote Robert Burns, as romantic a poet as ever scribbled a line, provided you can penetrate the 18th century Ayrshire dialect. Others are philosophers in their own right, like the one who states baidly. "Life without you is like a broken pencil—nointless."

one message buried deep in today's columns is especially down-to-earth, and will give comfort to all who pick up this newspaper, only to remember they have forgotten the token of love that was expected with the morning tea: "Hey there Georgie girl the future is ours, my love is

There is, after all, always

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Formal complaint over investigation follows inquest verdict on black youth attacked by five whites

Lawrence family to sue men cleared of racist murder

THE PARENTS of Stephen Lawrence, the black teenager murdered at a bus stop, were last night planning a civil action for damages against the five white men originally accused of killing him. Lawyers for the Lawrence

family made the announcement after the jury at the inquest into his stabbing ruled unanimously that he had been unlawfully killed in a "completely unprovoked racist attack by five white youths".

Three of the men accused of the murder in a private prose-

cution brought by the family Bailey last year. Neil Acourt, 21. Luke Knight, 20, and Gary Dobson, 21, all unemployed, from southeast London, were might incriminate them when

acquitted on the direction of Mr Justice Curtis. Two others, Jamie Acourt, 19, and David Norris, 20, walked free at committal proceedings in December 1993. Under the common law privilege of silence, all five declined to answer questions that they believed called to give evidence during

ing valuable time.
The first detectives on the scene also failed to use important criminal intelligence data pinpointing families in the area already under investigation for racial harassment. It was admitted in court that the office at Plumstead police station where intelligence was collated was locked at night and information was therefore unavailable.

the inquest at Southwark Cor-

The Lawrence family will

aiso lodge a formal complaint

about the conduct of the Metropolitan Police in the

hours after the murder on the

night of April 22, 1993, as Mr

Lawrence, 18, waited in Eltham, southeast London, for

a bus home. The inquest was

told that officers failed to make

immediate house-to-house in-

quiries in the street along

which his attackers fled, los-

oner's Court.

The jury of six men and four women took 30 minutes to reach their verdict at the end of the four-day resumed inquest. Mr Lawrence's mother. Doreen, 44, who collapsed weeping into the arms of members of her family, said later: "Right from the start on the night our son was murdered, it seemed that in the



Cheryl Sloley, Stephen Lawrence's aunt, reading a statement outside the coroner's court after the verdict

minds of the police, he was only a black boy - why bother? No-one can convince

She added that during the inquest, "what was coming across for me was that none of the officers saw it fit to go round to known suspects' homes even just to eliminate them from the inquiry."

After the verdict Sir Montague Levine, the coroner, called for a review of local police intelligence systems which, he

on criminal groups, their addresses and weaponry, and which should be available 24 hours a day to all stations. He said: "What we have

established in this inquest is that a group of white youths killed a young man in cold blood and for no other reason, it would appear, than that the colour of his skin was black. This was not a fight between men which had ended in a death. This was an horrific crime, totally unprovoked, in

young men attacked an unsuspecting, innocent youth and which resulted in him bleeding to death." Sir Montague appealed for calm in the community and appealed for

witnesses to come forward. Imran Khan, the Lawrence family's solicitor, said: "We are strongly considering tak-ing further legal action through the courts and we hope that during those proceedings nobody can possibly claim any sort of privilege of silence. Civil action will be

against those individuals we consider might have been responsible in some way for the death of Stephen Law-

Mr Khan said a formal complaint would be lodged with the Police Complaints Authority against officers who were in charge of the murder investigation on the night of the murder. "If the PCA said there were officers who were negligent in their duties, then we would proceed with civil

Police defend inquiry

By LIN JENKINS

THE Metropolitan Police in sisted yesterday that its officers had done everything they could from the beginning of the investigation.

Ian Johnston, Assistant Commissioner, said: "It is a matter of deep regret to me and to the officers involved in this terrible murder that we have not been able to see the murderers successfully prose-

He said Mrs Lawrence had his deepest sympathy but added: I believe right from the start we did all we could. She is someone who has had her son taken away by a group of racist murderers, but she has a perspective on this case which I do not share." He added that the case remained

open.
Criticism that police were slow to begin house to-house inquiries, failed to act on an anonymous tip and unnecessarity investigated Stephen's background was unfounded, he said. It was routine to look into the circumstances of a victim and officers could not make arrests on an anonymous tip, although they had begun a surveillance operation as a result of it.

Mr Johnston said: The family are entitled to expect Stephen's killers to be brought to justice, but this can only be done if the necessary evidence is found. Sadly, in this case, it was not, but that was not because we did not try."

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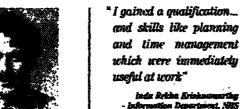
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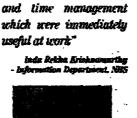
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Health risk in contact lens cases

Manufacturers of contact lens solutions are being asked to warn customers not to wash their lens cases in tap water, because research has shown that it can lead to a rare disease, acanthamoeba keratitis, in which the eve is eaten away by infection. The storage cases can be washed with sterile solutions or boiled water. The Medicines Control Agency is asking manufacturers to modify their labelling.

Boy dies in fall

A boy has died after jumping down a flight of seven steps after assembly at Hillfield School, Hornsey, north London Ashley Service 16, hit his head on a ceiling lintel then fell, striking his head on the bottom step.

Opera victory

Open-air opera performances at the Jacobean manor house of Leonard Ingrams in Garsington, Oxfordshire, against which villagers have campaigned, were given the go-ahead for seven years by the Environment Department.

Scout power

British Energy is joining the AA, Walls and Vauxhall in sponsoring the Scout Association. It will pay £12,000 a year to sponsor the new badge in public relations proficiency, for which 20,000 Scouts are expected to try.

Murder charge

A man accused of battering a neighbour's four-year-old son to death with a hammer was remanded in custody at Glasgow Sheriff Court. James Reid, 59. of Castlemilk, is charged with murdering James Ward.

Home to roost

Planners have refused to allow a Grade II listed dovecote to become a home for people. The dovecote, at Kemerton, near Tewkesbury, once housed 400 birds. The owners were ordered to return it to the original state.

One good turn

Charity workers have been given stolen bicycles by Portsmouth police. The three cycles will be used by Age Concern volunteers, who do chores for elderly people, in the hope that their owners will see and reclaim them.



Big rise in public disorder revealed

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A BIG increase in public : disorder is to be disclosed by Labour today. The number of incidents such as unacceptable noise from neighbours, rowdy behaviour by children and drunkenness rose in 20 police areas from 15 million to 1.8 million over three years, according to statistics com-

riled by the Government.

The figures were fragen, from almost half of the 43 forces in England and Wales, including Greater Manchester, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Dorset, Gloucestershire and the Met-

ropolitan Police. Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, will disclose the rise in a speech outlining Labour's "zero tolerance" policy on antisocial behaviour in public places.

At the launch of a neighbourhood anti-nuisance strategy in his Blackburn constituency, Mr Straw will

set out Labour's "three Rs"

approach to curbing disorder:
"Respect, responsibility and revival comprise our strategy for zero tolerance. The criminal justice system today, especially the youth justice system. is indulgent of much antisocial behaviour, especially on the

streets and in public places." Under Labour's proposals. a senior holice officer or a local authority would be able to apply for a community safety order that could impose a curfew on teenage tearaways, exclude people from certain areas or ban them from ap-

proaching named individuals. Anyone breaching the order would face imprisonment or, if they were aged under is, a community sentence. Parents of young troublemakers could be ordered to attend counsel-

ling or guidance sessions. The disorder statistics for 1993 to 1996 were provided by police forces to help the Environment Department to set the size of their cash grant.



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Breast cancer death toll falls as awareness grows DEATHS from breast cancer

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

was widely introduced in the

found, the greater the chance

One of Britain's largest em-

ployers of women encourages

them very firmly to attend for

regular screening, and have

Among women who have

Dr Thomas

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had breast cancer detected as

a result of this practised scheme, nine out of ten are still

rays) from the age of 40.

alive 20 years later.

of survival.

are falling among women under 65 because tumours are being spotted earlier, a study The fall, which is occurring across the country despite a

rise in cases, began in the early 1990s after more than two decades in which it had risen to the highest in the world. Scientists had suggested that new treatments, especially the introduction of the hormonal drug tamoxifen. were prolonging lives.

However, a study of more

an survey on breast cancer

emphasises the importance of

awareness among patients and doctors. Treatment of

malignant disease in the

breast was improving, and

there is now an increasing

understanding that specialisation in cancer sur-gery by medical staff gives

A course at the Royal Coll-

ege of Surgeons this week has

stressed that specialised train-

ing will enable a surgeon not

only to wield his scalpel with

greater skill, but to have a

greater understanding of the

radiotherapy and chemo-

therapy prescribed by the

multi-disciplinary team who

work together in the best

patients a better chance.

tients in East Anglia has found that the earlier detection of tumours since the mid-1980s and their smaller size at diagnosis accounts for most of the improvement in survival. Although the number of cases rose between 1982-85 and 1986-89 by around 18 per cent, deaths in the under-65s fell by

Diane Stockton and colleagues from the East Anglian Cancer Intelligence Unit at the University of Cambridge say in the British Medical Jouramong women and their doc-

Specialist experience is vital

radiologist at St Bartholo-mew's Hospital, London, and

the doyenne of the British

doctors who have been in-

volved in breast screening.

said yesterday: "Regular

mammographs undertaken by staff, whether doctors.

radiographers or nurses, who

have been thoroughly trained

and are experienced, will pick

up small tumours at a time

when even acclaimed special-

ists may miss them on clinical

The earlier tumours are

aged 50-64, suggesting that the use of tamoxilen had no effect. tors is the most likely explana-This success in detecting cancers is not attributable to breast screening: the study took place before screening

region after 1989. The study showed a 50 per cent increase between the two periods it covered in women being diagnosed with early stage breast cancer, and earlier diagnosis increases the chances of survival. However, the chances of survival with early stage can-

> ☐ Patients with cancer of the stomach and gullet may wait up to 3½ years for diagnosis delays occur because GPs do not refer promptly and hospitals do not investigate urgently, a study of 115 patients at Leeds General Infirmary

Most people survive the cancers if they are caught early, the researchers say in the British Medical Journal. ☐ Keeping a pet is more important to many people than the allergy symptoms they cause. A Canadian study of 341 people diagnosed with chronic allergy to cats and dogs found only one in five followed medical advice to get rid of their pet. Even when the animal died, three quarters of

A study in the Netherlands also found no improvement in survival after the wider use of Ms Stockton said that only

40 per cent of women in the study with early stage cancer were treated with tamoxifen compared with 90 per cent now. "Since 1989, there have been many changes in treatment with more extensive use of tamoxifen, more use of adjuvant chemotherapy and more referrals to specialist cancer centres which should improve survival further." she said.

although the average is 17 weeks - reducing their chances of survival. The

the patients replaced it with



Molly responding to its owners hand command to sit. The dog first had to be trained to look at humans regularly

By MICHAEL HORNSBY

MOLLY, a deaf dalmatian, is being taught to respond to sign language. The dog was born with a defect that afflicts between 7 and 8 per cent of its breed: normally such dogs are put down within a few weeks as it is difficult fully to

However. Molly's breeder found a home for the puppy with Amanda and Simon Price and their three daughters in Wandsworth, southwest London. "We were told she would need special care, but we decided to buy her." Mrs Price said.

With the help of Steve Collis, a dog psychologist with the Blue Cross animal Deaf dog learns sign language bad-tempered because of its handicap but they have had

no trouble.

nise hand and arm signals as a substitute for verbal com-mands. Already she obeys simple orders such as 'come', 'stay' and 'sit'," Mrs Price said. "If she is only a few yards away a slight movement with a finger is enough. but if she is further off more vigorous gestures with the

The family had been

tryside and let off the lead just like a hearing dog." So far Molly has ventured

no further than the neigh-bouring park where she trails an 8ft canvas strap attached by a heavy metal clasp to her collar. "If she looks like taking off, we can stamp on the strap and restrain her." Mrs Price said.

Mr Collis, a former RAF dog handler, said: "The first James Wood, head of the Animal Health Trust's epidething was to get Molly to look miology unit, said: "The conat humans regularly for guid-ance and contact. I did that by dition appears to be associ-ated with a deficiency in the gently throwing a soft object melanocytes, the cells that at her to get her attention. deliver pigment to skin and hair. Other white haired dogs When she obeyed signals correctly she would be re-warded with thocolate. The also have a history of hearing ultimate goal is to get her so difficulties. Dalmatians are born completely white and well trained that she can be

Dr Audrey Tucker, for a

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> which occur in plots.
> Will Wyatt, chief executive of BBC Broadcasting, said that BBC Inform would be part of the new digital television service faunched next year and available free to viewers who have a digital set-top decoder box or a digital television set. He said it aimed to enhance the strength and breadth of the BBC's new services. "The BBC can use new technology creatively to bring licence fee

> > proved reception and better quality," he said. initially, BBC Inform is expected to provide updates in text form. The service will be far more sophisticated than the information aiready available on Ceefax and is expected to be illustrated with graphics. Live action clips

payers more channels; im-

may be included later. Reruns of BBCl and BBC2 programmes will be available on another digital channel. BBC Choice, broadcasting the week's highlights.

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Co-op's change of heart freezes the price of love

VALENTINE'S DAY is an opportunity for shops to increase the price of flowers and chocolates, 80 per cent of adults told a survey by the Coop (CWS Retail). As a result the chain has frozen the price of flowers and boxed chocolates until tomorrow. Other supermarkets are continuing offers of heart-shaped specialities, in some cases until next Tuesday, so forgetful lovers still have a chance to make

Advertised promotions in-

ission fruit two for 20p. Bodgens: West Country topside/stiverside/top rump £4.59 per kg. chicken quarters 550g br £1.26, Cumberland pork sausages 454g for £1.09, granary baps four for 49p, white seedless grapes 79p a lb.

channel for

soap fans

By Alexandra Frean

MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

FANS of the BBC soap opera

EastEnders need never worry again about missing an epi-sode. The corporation an-nounced yesterday that it is

launching a "catch-up" chan-nel to enable viewers to keep up to date with major dramas.

The new channel, provi-sionally entitled BBC Inform, will also provide profiles of the soap stars and actors. It is expected to include education-

al information on issues, such

as drug taking or incest.

Co-op (CWS): Freedom Foods chicken £2.69 per kg. deep pan penperuni pizza 380g for £1.32.

Iceland: Mexican bean and choese melts four for 99p, battered cod steaks six for £2.75, deep 9h ham and pineappie pizza 51.49, estra mature chesidas 500g for 52.49, upside-down apple pudding 330g

burgers four for 97p, whole/semi-skimmed milk 31 for £1.19, Smash instant poteto 126g for 47p. reacakes 12 for 59p. Marks & Spencer: prepared pork 13.99 per kg. twin pack lemon chicken two x 340g for £4.98, creamy potato grain 454g for £1.49, strawberries 400g for £2.49. Morrisons: frying steak/mpside/silverside El.99 a lb, sirloin E3.99 a lb, oysters 35p each or £3.78 a lb, cod filler £1.89 a lb, parsmips 35p a lb, lemons six for 49p, cantaloupe

Kwik Save: Birds Eye chicken

meion 99p each.

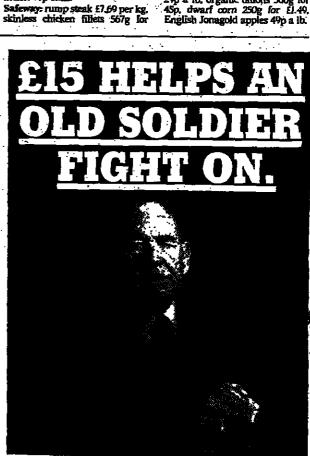
Lazs toe-cream 500ml for E2.99.

Harrods: brie and asparagus puff breaded haddock portions 600g for pastry hearts £3.99 each, cider & £1.99, broccoli 500g for 69p, clove/honey & mustard ham on the bone 100g for £1.59, chicken Steak £6.19 per kg. fresh hand — korma 100g for £1.79. lb. tomatoes 350 a lb. That green chicken curry 300g for \$2.29. Somerfield: sirloin steak £3.80 a lb, smoked haddock fillet £1.69 a In smoked haddock fillet £1.69 a
"Bo fresh intriess £2.18 per kg.
peeled prawns £55g for £1.89.
Maris Piper potatoes £5kg for 59p.
Little Gem lettuce three for 59p. broecoli 42p a lb, sugar snap peas 200g for £1.09, root ginger 85g for 35p, medium fresh eggs 12 for 89p. Tesco: sirloin steak £8.46 per kg. half leg of lamb £5.79 per kg.

> apples 38p a lb, conference pears 39p a lb. Waitrose: crispy Peking duck 330g for £3.99, Farmhouse pork sausages 454g for £1.59, pork spare ribs £2.29 a lb, spinach 99p a lb, broccoli 375g for 65p, new potatoes 29p a lb, organic onions 500g for 45p, dwarf corn 250g for £1.49, English Jonagold apples 49p a lb.

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Dr Smithson: seeking great spiritual truths

Bishop gives up Bible for Lent to read the Koran

son said. Later he tried to

improve his personal relation-

ships by things such as being

more patient.
At his home in Pittington.

Co Durham, the bishop said:
"I see Lent as a time to focus

on essentials in your life and

faith and pay less attention to

distractions and diversions.

During Lent by giving up something, in my case reading the the Bible, I will make the

"I am passionately con-

cerned that we help the church

to move into a wider scene where we are not just pre-

occupied with Christian issues

but understand other faiths,

not as rivals, but as fellow

travellers. The Western world

"There are qualities of holi-

ness and commitment that the

faithful Muslim shows that

the western world can learn

from. If only all Christians

would take seriously the be-

liefs of other traditions and

religions we would be all the

"Like most people who go

travelling I will be glad to get

home. When Easter comes

will feel it has been a good

expedition through the Koran,

better for it.

needs to learn from Islam.

extra time.

A CHURCH of England bishop has given up the Bible for Lent. The Bishop of Jarrow, Dr Alan Smithson is reading the Koran instead.

Apart from looking at St John's Gospel, traditionally read by Christians during the 40 days of Lent, Dr Smithson will not study his Bible until Easter. He normally spends two hours a day consulting it and preparing notes for sermons and lectures in addition to readings during services.

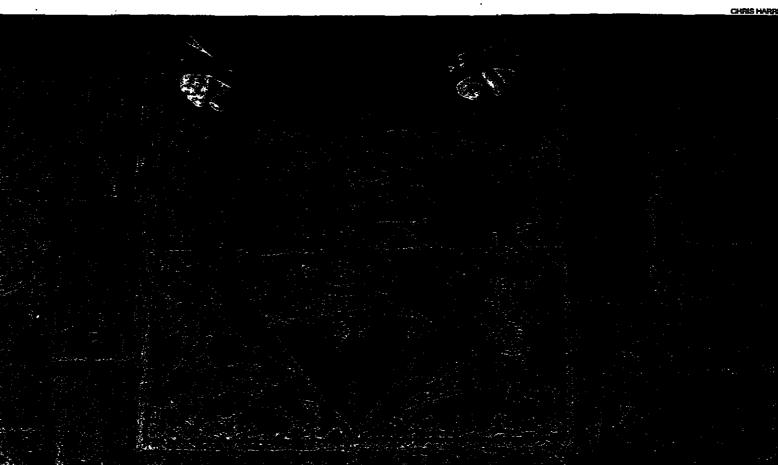
He intends to read 20 pages of the Koran each day and finish it by Good Friday. "I have never read the Korari before and when I start on an expedition I have to start with an open mind," he said yesterday. "When it is over I hope I will have found great spiritual truths and insights."

He hopes that by giving up the Bible and looking instead at Islam's most holy book it will make him "more understanding, more compassionate and more fully human". When he was younger his traditional Lenten sacrifice to mark Christ's fasting in the wilderness was giving up treats like sweets, Dr Smith-

> but it will be good to get back to the Bible." His decision was criticised by the Rev George Curry, a traditionalist vicar working in the West End of Newcastle upon Tyne. He said: "We should certainly not be giving up the Bible for Lent. It is a crass suggestion to give it up,

even if it is just in part.

To give up the Bible for Lent is the most bizarre suggestion anyone could seriously make. Unfortunately we are living in a generation in which church leaders are giving the impression that all religions lead to God. We can never read the Bible enough or know it too well."



A monk stands on medieval tiles in the Chapter House at Westminster Abbey. They are to be restored by English Heritage at a cost of £10,000

Becket's relics inspire Canterbury trails

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

RELICS of St Thomas a Becket are to go on display at Canterbury Cathedral as part of national celebrations to mark the 14th centenary of St Augustine's arrival in Britain.

The fragments of bone and brain tissue, together with a shirt, will be the first relies to go on display in the 11th-century cathedral since the Reformation. Although expected to arouse Protestant protest, the relics of St Thomas, who was murdered in the cathedral by four knights of King Henry II in 1170, are thought likely to attract hundreds if not thousands of new pilgrims to Canterbury this

On loan from the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome, they have been carbon dated and are thought to be. genume. They will go on show in their own glass-fronted casket alongside the Becket Chasse, the gold and enamel casket acquired re-

cently for the nation by the Victoria & Albert Museum and the National Heritage Memorial Fund for £3.8 million, in an appeal supported Cardinal Basil Hume, the

Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, is also loaning Becket's mitre from Westminster Cathedral. The exhibition, which runs from April to October, is a central feature of a series of events organised by the Church of England, other denominations and English Heritage. The anniversary of the ar-

rival of St Augustine, sent from Rome by Pope Gregory I to reconvert Britain to Christianity after the invasion of the heathen Anglo-Sazons, is also behind an English Heritage conservation programme announced yesterday, marking 1997 as the year of "England's Christian Heritage". More than 100 of Eng-lish Heritage's historic



The Becket chasse will go on display with the relics

properties, as well as other religious sites, are featured on a free souvenir map which depicts 200 church and other

ecclesiastical buildings.
In May, the Archbishop of
Canterbury, Dr George
Carey, will open a £1 million museum built by English Heritage among the ruins of St Augustine's Abbey in Canterbury, which St Augustine founded and where he was

first buried. English Heritage also announced a £10,000 restoration project to clean, conserve and protect the medieval tiles of the floor of the Chapter House at Westminster Abbey in London, the meeting place of Henry II's "great council"

which Parliament from

evolved. The celebrations, which also commemorate the 1400th anniversary of the death of St Columba, will include a pilgrimage tracing the footsteps of Augustine and Columba, from Rome to Canterbury and then on to Londonderry.

Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chair-man of English Heritage, welcomed the Church's cooperation with English Heritage. "I feel that the church is stirring a bit," he said. "There is a spirit about, a breeze stirring in the trees. There is a sort of unstodginess about."

However, the Rev David Streater, director of the Church Society, a leading Protestant body, warned pilgrims against attributing miaculous powers to Becket's relics. "Worship of relics is a well outdated medieval superstition. I urge people to go and look at the relics as individual historical artefacts, but to make them objects of worship is ludicrous and idolatrous."



By GILLIAN BOWDITCH SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A CHURCH of Scotland minister has been told by his presbytery that he is involved in too many good works. They want him to give up his parttime job as chairman of an NHS trust to concentrate on

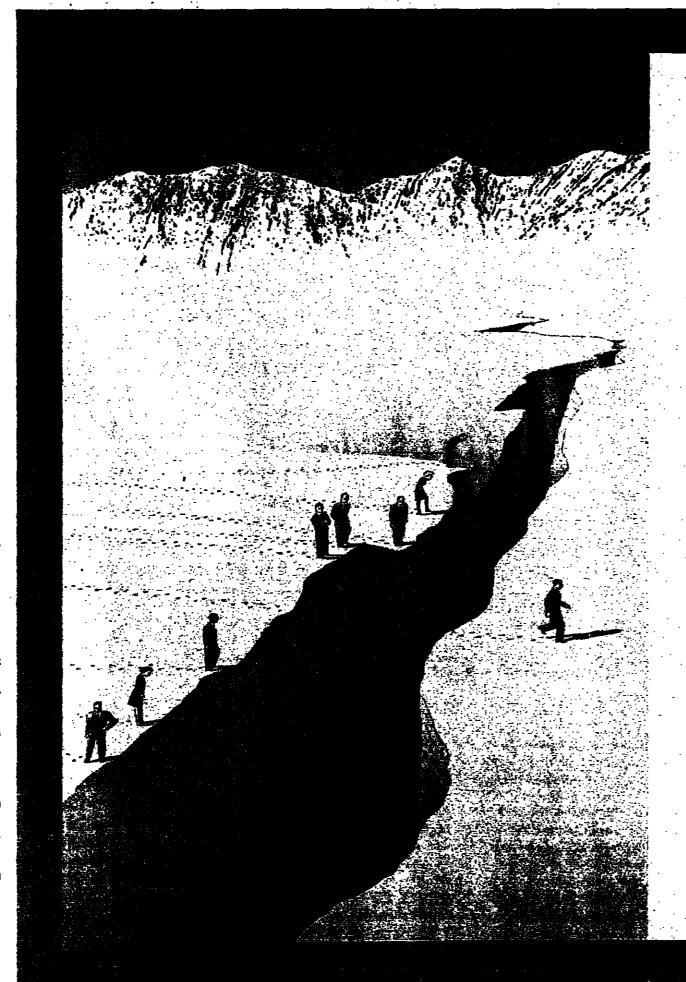
pastoral duties.

The Rev Roderick Campbell, full-time minister at Mearns Parish Kirk in Glasgow, was appointed chairman of the Victoria Infirmary NHS Trust by Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, last month. He is also padre to the Territorial Army, a member of Greater Glasgow Health Board, and a member of the Government-appointed com-mittee tackling drug abuse in

Scotland. Mr Campbell, 53, accepted the two-day-a-week NHS Trust job, which has a salary of £20,000, without consulting the Church. This week he was ordered by Glasgow Presby-tery to give up the job after the presbytery, which is made up of practising and retired min-isters, voted 218 to 47 against his keeping it. Mr Campbell plans to appeal to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. In the meantime, he will remain chairman of the

Prior to the vote, a delega tion from the Glasgow Presbytery visited Mr Campbell's parish to assess the mood of the congregation. Some said that Mr Campbell was extremely hard working, others that they were not getting the attention they deserved.

Mr Campbell was not avail able for comment yesterday. The Rev Sandy McDonald, general secretary of the Church of Scotland's board of ministry, said: "Mr Campbell is one of our most able ministers, but I think the concern was the amount of work he would be taking on with this job. The issue is whether there would be enough time left to do the job he was called to do."



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Wirral? It

is not as

blue as it

is painted

By Russell Jenkins ANOTHER Conservative minister swept through Wirral South yesterday trail-

ing a "good news" message on the economy. It was lost on the

residents of the Town Lane

Alistair Burt, social security

minister, joined the trail on the

stomp in the well-heeled shopping streets of Heswall. Lord

Archer was supposed to join

him but his train broke down.

in the most important by-

election for a generation — that Conservative policies are

creating jobs and prosperity— should play well in a constitu-ency described as a little bit of

Surrey on Merseyside. Unem-

ployment across the five

wards stands at 5.7 per cent,

compared with the national

average of 6.7 per cent. There are 2,741 people claiming ben-

efit, a fall of 11.1 per cent since

But this is not the whole

story in a constituency which

has been moving steadiy left-

ward for decades, whose resi-

dents commute to work in

Liverpool and Birkenhead. No minister has yet penetrated as far as the Town Lane estate,

where the percentage of job-less is higher. It has an

unwanted reputation for crime, drugs and vandalism.
Shortly before the death of

the MP Barry Porter, local

voters remember him writing to them with a preamble

acknowledging that it was unlikely they would agree with his politics, but that he

would fight for their views. On

the estate, the cream terraces

and maisonettes are a stark

constrast to the suburban

Sharon Cook, 27, off work

claiming incapacity benefit.

said that the biggest concerns were unemployment and crime. Her father, who has

lost his job in the Health

Service, has abandoned the Conservatives and will vote

Labour for the first time. Miss Cook said: "Say you come

from Town Lane estate when

you go for a job and it will go

against you. There is nothing

Les Muise, a veteran Lab-

our Party supporter, said: "Where I live, you could say

that it was a solid Tory area. But over thirty years the professionals have lost their

jobs and their businesses. The

area has slowy been turned

Between 1983 and 1992,

Labour's share of the vote

grew from 22.6 per cent to

34.6. In 1994, Labour won the

Euro constituency of Cheshire West and Wirral with more

But if the Tories lose the by-

election, voters across the

country will have seen what to

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The Tory message to voters

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Let judges make punishment fit the crime, say peers

By James Landale, political reported

THE Government Bill that would force the courts to impose tough mandatory sentences on persistent burglars and drug dealers is unclear and would produce bad law, the House of Lords was told

yesterday.

Lord McIntosh of Harinev. Labour's deputy leader in the Lords, said that his party was not opposed to the principle of mandatory sentences. But he insisted that the Crime (Sentences) Bill did not give judges enough discretion to set aside any fixed penalties in exceptional circumstances to

avoid injustice. The Bill, which came up for its committee stage in the Lords yesterday, would oblige judges to impose a three-year sentence on third time burglars and a seven-year sentence on third time Class A drug dealers. The Bill also proposes mandatory life sentences for a second serious violent or sexual offence.

Lord McIntosh was speak-ing in favour of a Labour amendment which would give judges discretion to ignore the mandatory sentences if there were specific cirumstances which would make the punishment unjust. He denied Government charges that Labour was trying to wreck the Bill Instead. Labour was trying to show the weakness in the existing judicial discretion

contained in the Bill, which

said judges could ignore the fixed penality in "exceptional circumstances". Lord Carlisle of Bucklow, a former Tory Home Office Minister, said: "I believe in fact that the role of the legislature, of Parliament, is to provide a sentencing framework within which judges should pass sentences, Judges

the particular punishment to the particular crime." He added: "I cannot see how

should be able to be free to fit

by requiring judges to impose sentences which they believe to be unjust. I am not against severe sentences. But this is not a matter of being tough or not being tough on crime. It is a matter of providing judges sufficient discretion for justice to take place.

He said that the courts always interpreted the phrase "exceptional circumstances" very narrowly and the qualification would give judges very little discretion. Lord Carlisle said he was

amazed that Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, believed that the Labour amendments would drive a "coach and horses" through the Bill. "I do not believe that senencing should be a matter for party politics. It is tragic that this Government appears to be in conflict with the judiciary on this. But I find it extraordinary that the Govwe advance the cause of justice advice of the Lord Chief Jus-



Lord McIntosh: said Bill allowed judges too little discretion

tice and the Master of the

Lord Bingham of Cornhill, the Lord Chief Justice, speak-

ing in favour of the Labour

amendment, said: "Rules of

thumb do not provide the

answer to these problems

because passing a sentence is

not a mathematical task. And

nowhere in the world does one

find evidence that the logarith-

mic tables or mechanical rules

of thumb yield better answers

than the courts of this coun-

try." He added: "All that we



Lord Donaldson: said that Parliament was wholly wrong

plead for is that the courts

should be given the power to

decline to pass sentences which are offensive to their

professional and moral con-

ment would have been failing

in its duty had it not reacted to the increasingly serious situation which we face," he said. Lord Elton, another former Tory Home Office Minister, said mandatory sentences

sciences. Surely that is not asking too much."

Lord Dean of Harptree, a would be unacceptable for first offences but were right for persistent offenders. Justice requires reliability for young people in particular. They want to know where they are. former Tory Deputy Speaker of the Commons, said he supported the Government's approach. It was right to protect innocent victims from This Bill tells them where they nals. "I believe the Govern-

Lord Donaldson, the former Master of the Rolls, said



Lord Bingham: courts need power to decline an unjust sentence

he appreciated that Parliament had a duty to set guidelines for judges but that judges

told again that the judges are in some way obstructing the will of Parliament," he said. They are advising that what

should be able to criticise Parliament when they disagreed with its decisions. "I hope that we shall not be

Parliament is proposing is wholly wrong, that it would involve them in being asked to do things which they believe to be wholly unjust."

Ministers

SENIOR Cabinet ministers have privately criticised John Major for the way he rebuked Stephen Dorrell over his gaffe

The Prime Minister surprised colleagues by leaving Mr Dorrell, the Health Secretary, "hanging out to dry" by suggesting on Tuesday that he had no special role on the constitution. Mr Dorrell had suggested that a Tory govern-ment might abolish a Scottish parliament set up by Labour.

Cabinet that Mr Dorrell had been given the special campaigning brief, and that he had written articles and made speeches on it. For Mr Major not to have mentioned it when asked who had responsibility

as a deliberate put down. Ministers believe that Mr Major may have felt the need to cut Mr Dorrell down to size because of his growing reputation as a serious contender for the Tory leadership.

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By Philip Webster

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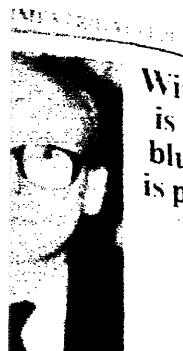
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BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

GORDON BROWN committed a Labour government yes-terday to a £3 billion fight against unemployment, expressing fears that Britain was in danger of developing an American-style "underclass".

Delivering Labour's largest, most specific and probably last spending pledge before the general election, the Shadow Chancellor said the programme to help the young and long-term unemployed would be "comfortably" financed by a windfall tax on the excess profits of privatised utilities.

The measures — including a £60 weekly tax rebate for firms that hire young people and £75 a week for those that take on the long-term unem-ployed — would be Labour's "new deal", the first building block of a new welfare state for the 1990s. They would help tens of thousands who felt part of an "abandoned and forgotten generation".

He said that a fifth term of Tory government would risk taking the country "down the road of urban America, with no-work no-go inner-city areas on the one hand and perimeter fences with security guards on

Mr Brown said that the windfall tax, which has been judged legal by independent experts, would be in Labour's first Budget within weeks of an election victory. The jobs programme would be in operation by the autumn. Al-

though he has declined to say publicly how much the levy would raise, sources close to him are hinting at a figure of more than £5 billion. If it raises more than the £3 billion committed yesterday, he will use it to expand "welfare-towork" measures. He warned the utilities that

they would not be able to raise the money by increasing prices but refused Tory demands to say which com-panies would have to pay. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, accused him of being irresponsible.

In a BBC Radio interview, Mr Brown said that every privatised utility would be considered. Whether they were covered would be determined by "the extent of their monopoly position, the weakness or not of the regulatory regime, and the value of the assets on the point of sale".

Last night, delivering a lec-ture in memory of the former Labour Cabinet minister Anthony Crosland, Mr Brown said that one working age family in five had no one earning a wage and in some inner cities, including London and Glasgow, there were constituencies where up to 35 per cent of working age families had nobody in employment.

"A far-reaching modernisa-tion of the welfare state is essential and it must start with an assault on youth unem-ployment and long-term un-



By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Concise Oxford English Dictionary defines a public utility simply as an organisation supplying services such as water, gas and electricity to the community.

So Labour's proposed windfall tax might apply to most privatised businesses. Alternatively, it could fall only on the electricity, water and gas companies. It all depends on how Labour defines a utility. This how how the various companies might fare:

MOST LIKELY

All the regional electricity companies and water companies. These are monopolies and, with the exeception of smaller water companies. have been sold by the Govern-

ment to the City.
United Utilities: formed from the takeover of Norweb the electricity company by North West Water. Has been at the eye of the storm over boardroom incentives.

Northern Electric handed out so much cash to shareholders to fight off a takeover it triggered a fresh regulatory price review. Shelled out £550 million in a successful defence against Trafalgar House and has since been bought by CE Flectric, of America.

Yorkshire Water: villified for poor service during the drought of 1995 and for leaking one third of its water supplies. Made £162 million profits last year and recently started a scheme to give back £145 million to shareholders.

PROBABLE :

British Gas: from Monday will divide into two companies. The newly named BG will include the pipelines and international business, while Centrica will supply gas to homes and industry. Big doubts must hang over whether a windfall tax could be levied on Centrica. Its finances are weak from exposure to expensive take-or-pay contracts for gas supply and it will not pay a dividend initially.

The power generators are not utilities in that they do not supply a commodity. The companies will argue that they operate in a competitive environment. They are not regulated but National Power and PowerGen, the two largest generators, have both returned more than £1 billion

each to investors. BT: The company has functioned in a competitive environment for years and would argue strongly against inclu-sion in a utilities tax.

Neither British Airways nor BAA, the business that runs airports, is likely to have to pay. It would be difficult to describe an airline as a utility under anything but the broadest of definitions.

employment among men and women, he said. "When I see the levels of worklessnes particularly youth unemploy-ment, in our inner cities I fear for what will happen to our country. We face a rising tide of alienation among disenfranchised young people, not simply unemployed but second generation unemployed who have no experience of work in their family." He said that Labour would help people from welfare to work, but the Tories would no

nothing, "threatening the growth of a fifth-term underclass marginalised from the rest of society". Under Mr Brown's plans young people will be offered the option of employment in a private company, community

organisation, or a new environmental task force. A fourth option will be full-time training, but he said there would be no option of remaining permanently on full benefit.



New Labour is hardly the future Crosland envisaged

ordon Brown yester-day succumbed to the occupational disease of his trade, ancestor approv al. To assert legitimacy for current views, politicians claim the authority of their predecessors. The result is usually an unconvincing intellectual contortion in which the past is rewritten to justify the

Tories like to invoke Peel, Disraeii (now out of fashion), Salisbury (the latest "in" icon), Baldwin (a favourite of John Major), Macmillan (bizarrely cited last week by Michael Portillo) and, of course, Margaret Thatcher. On the Labour side, Bevan is a must for the old Left: Bevin for robust spokesmen of the workers; Attlee for solid men of government; Gaitskell for social democrats; but Wilson, alas,

for almost no one, yet.
The danger is of indulging in a game of what if: what would x or y have said if they had still been alive now? No one knows whether they would have altered their views. Often, they might not, as Barbara Castle shows. Mr Brown fell into this trap last night when delivering the Anthony Crosland memorial lecture on the 20th anniversa-

ry of his death. Crosland was remarkable more perhaps for his personality and writings than for his ministerial achievements. The Future of Socialism, published in 1956. inspired a generation of democratic socialists. But many of its arguments about economic growth and the role of the State and markets have been contradicted by events.

Mr Brown sought to revive Crosland's central theme of equality. He acknowledged differences over Crosland's emphasis on social and economic equality as opposed to equality in political power. But the contrast is more fundamental. Mr Brown's version of equality is com-pletely different, as shown by his differences with Roy Hattersley, the most prominent claimant to the Crosland mantle. The Crosland-Hat-tersley view tilts towards equality of outcome, underpinning their support for comprehensive schools. Mr Brown regards equality of outcome as "neither desirable nor feasible" and stresses "the equal right to realise potenals for employment and edu-cation opportunity for all

He outlined plans to spend £3 billion over the course of a Parliament from the windfall levy on the utilities to help to put young and long-term un-employed people back to work. The levy and the unemployment measures tend to be discussed together, when they are logically separate. The real point about the latter is less the novelty of the ideas. such as tax incentives for firms taking on the unem-ployed pioneered on a small scale by the Government, but in the size of the incentives

and the overall programme. Perhaps his most revealing comment was when he argued that the real challenge for left-of-centre politicians was, like Crosland, to be "socialists and at the same time credible". Mr Brown wants to show that he is not only the "Iron Chancellor" in waiting but that he also has radical instincts. A Labour government could make a dif-ference — though it would be along very different lines from what Crosland envisaged.

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Chinese caught in Korean wrangle over defector

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BELIENG AND ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

Mark Commence

THE suspense surrounding the apparent defection of a North Korean political leader to a South Korean diplomatic compound in Beijing showed no sign of letting up yesterday as Seoul sent a delegation for talks with Chinese officials.

The Chinese Government seems uncertain how to proceed, given its long-standing political ties with the isolated Stalinist state and its more recent but strong trade links with South Korea.

North Korean diplomats sat in cars in a normally quiet tree-lined street near the South Korean consulate compound where Hwang Jang Yop, 72, a confidant of the North Korean leader, Kim Jong II, took refuge after arriving in a taxi with an aide on Wednesday.

Held back by Chinese police, correspondents saw South Korean officials leave the compound in cars, followed at speed by a vehicle containing North Koreans. Chang Moon Ik, a South Korean diplomat, said some North Koreans had tried to enter the compound on Wednesday night, but Chinese guards had prevented them



Hwang fear of kidnap from doing so. "I think South Korea has kidnapped these two officials," said one of several North Koreans, waiting in the tower office block housing the South Korean Embassy. "The impossible

has happened." The willingness of the North Koreans in the past to resort to state terrorism gave rise to speculation that the Pyong-yang officials — or security men - might try to kidnap Mr Hwang, the highest-ranking North Korean ever to defect, or even kill him, rather than have him taken to Seoul.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry summoned correspon-dents who were issued with a statement by an official, Tang Guoqiang, urging calm in the and saying that Beijing was investigating the situation We had not been informed

in advance of Hwang's transit through Beijing," said Mr Tang, referring to the passage of Mr Hwang from Japan, where he had been attending a seminar, through Beijing, where he was scheduled to catch a train for the North

with North Korea to return any North Korean who is here without authorisation or appropriate papers. However, Mr Hwang, as an old guard member of the central com-mittee of the Workers' Party. presumably had valid papers. In Seoul, Yoo Chong Ha; the

South Korean Foreign Minister, said Mr Hwang had decided to defect because he could no longer tolerate social disparities in the North. But sources in Tokyo offered an alternative explanation.

Pyongyang was reported to be pressing for Mr Hwang's

Korean capital. China has an agreement

Mr Yoo claimed that disenchantment with the Pyongyang regime motivated Mr Hwang to request asylum in the South Korean Embassy in Beijing. South Korea requested the Chinese authorities to grant the defector safe passage out of the country, while



Beijing police bar access yesterday to the South Korean Embassy, where a North Korean official has apparently sought political asylum

return. The Foreign Minister, who is scheduled to take up the issue in talks with his Chinese counterpart, Qian Qichen, in Singapore today, said Mr Hwang had given a written statement explaining why he decided to flee. He was also applying for asylum in South Korea of his own free will, the minister said. Mr Hwang had spent two weeks

in Japan attending an interna-tional seminar before leaving on February II for Pyongyang via Beijing, where he made his

The visit was not a great success: while in Tokyo he had asked to meet Japanese government and ruling party officials in the hope of securing more food aid to alleviate acute shortages in his impov-

erished homeland. However, his request for talks was turned down by the Japanese side, worried about antagonising South Korea, Japanese sources also said that Mr Hwang may have failed to from the pachinko business. obtain desperately needed This flow has dwindled, sources say, to about \$100 million, reflecting the North cash from the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan, many of whose mem-Korean communities' own

bers operate the ubiquitous economic problems as well as

pachinko (pinball parlours). According to official records, its wavering loyalty to the Kin Jong II regime. the North Korean community in Japan sent \$600 million planning further emergene (£370 million) to North Korea food aid for North Korea (Ton in 1994, much of it derived Rhodes writes). It is certain to contribute to an appeal fo \$41.6 million (E2S million) is food aid made this week by the

World Food Programme. Leading article, page 2

Hubble captured for refit in space

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE Hubble Space Telescope was captured by the space shuttle Discovery for a refit yesterday after a two-day chase by the astronaut who first put it into orbit.

Steve Hawley, the 45-yearold astronomer who released the high-powered telescope into space in 1990, abandoned a desk job to rejoin Nasa's astronaut corps for the mis-sion to modernise the \$2 biltory. Operating a 50ft robot arm on board the space shuttle, he snared the silvery 12tonne telescope after a two-day

pursuit 360 miles above Earth. "I wish you could see the expression on Dr Stevie's face," Ken Bowersox, the shuttle commander, radioed back to mission control. "Looks like he just shook hands with an old friend."

Marc Garneau, at mission control, replied: "Congratulations to all of you for an outstanding rendezvous and a great capture. We are looking forward to getting out there and starting to work on that telescope."

The observatory is to be fitted with two high-technology instruments, each of which is about the size of a large refrigerator.

An infra-red camera costing \$105 million will enable astronomers to see deeper into the universe than ever before, and a \$125 million spectrograph will aid the search for black holes.

The Hubble, which has travelled 996 million miles since being launched and cir-cled the Earth more than 37,000 times, will also have some worn-out components

replaced. It is the first maintenance visit to the Hubble since a major mission to repair equipment which caused it to have blurred vision in 1993. The next maintenance trip is scheduled for 1999.

Spaniard killed in truckers' dispute

By Tunku Varadarajan IN MADRID AND MARK HENDERSON

TWO BRITISH lorry drivers were beaten up and a Spanish picket was crushed to death under a French lorry yester-day as the drivers' dispute which has paralysed Spain

Kim Butler, from Dover, was pulled from his cab on a motorway outside Bilbao and hit with a baseball bat by a picket. Mr Butler, who was not seriously injured, said the pickets also threatened to burn his larry if he tried to continue his journey between Burgos and Bilbao.

In Burgos, in north-central Spain, Steve Crawley. 28, from Southend, was beaten by pickets after being stopped at a toll booth, where his windscreen was smashed

About 600 foreign lorries have been forced into an industrial estate in the city. where many drivers have had their tyres slashed and windscreens broken. Strikers were also blocking motorways by hanging rocks from bridges at windscreen level. There were also unconfirmed reports last night that four foreign drivers, including one Briton, had been shot.

The death of the picket, Carmelo Ausin Peña, occurred at Villaquirán de los Infantes, near Burgos, when a French trucker deliberately drove his vehicle into a massed rank of pickets. The driver, Joel Ferreira, was arrested 25 miles from the scene and has been charged with murder.

In a separate incident, a nine-year-old Portuguese girl was critically ill in a hospital in Badajoz, in Extremadura, after nickets attacked the lorry in which she was travelling with her father. She was struck in the face by a brick that was thrown through the windscreen.

Starting first in the north of the country, the strike has now spread to every corner of Spain Called on February 6 by the union Fedetrans, it has brought chaos to the country's motorways and halted all traffic at Spain's borders with France and Portugal. Scores of British drivers have been immobilised for several days. Rafael Arias Salgado, the Minister of Development, has urged the strikers to "sit down at the table and talk". Yesterday, in a conciliatory gesture, he promised to subsidise the

pesetas (40) per litre. Rejecting the subsidy offer as "insufficient", Pedro Martin, chief spokesman for Fedetrans, vowed to "carry on the strike for as long as it takes to secure the union's full package of demands". In addition to cheaper fuel, the drivers want the age of compulsory retirement to be reduced to 60, and that of voluntary retirement with full benefits to be lowered









Iran's elite guard insist Rushdie should be killed

ATTEMPTS by the Iranian Jovernment to play down a resh row over Salman Rush-T lie sulfered a setback yes-Lierday when the country's m Revolutionary Guards insistland that the novelist be murat lered. They also vowed to fiv positions anyone attempting to califute the fatwa or prevent its mplementation.

The call, on the eve of the m eighth anniversary of the late in syatollah Khomeini's decree. ur ame a day after a shadowy ur ranian religious foundation pl ncreased the bounty on Mr ta Rushdie's head by \$500,000 £307,000) to \$2.5 million. th President Rafsanjani said his Sovernment did not support he move and officials insisted hat the foundation was

The Revolutionary Guards. nowever, are an integral part of the Iranian establishment. They were formed on May 5. ii. who charged them with

safeguarding the Islamic revolution and its gains.

In a statement, published in the hardline Jomhuri Islami newspaper, the Revolutionary Guards vowed to confront anyone seeking to "dilute the fatwa or working to prevent it from being implemented". This was seen as a challenge to pragmatists such as President Rafsaniani. His Government

Tehran 'helping in oil smuggling'

Washington: Iran is offering

safe passage to oil tankers smuggling fuel out of Iraq in violation of United Nations sanctions, according to Vice-Admiral Thomas Fargo, commander of America's Fifth Fleet (Tom Rhodes writes). He said it was a sign of co-operation between the former enemies, but the main motive appeared to be profit.

insists the fatwa cartnot be lifted, being a religious edict. but has said that assassins will not be sent to kill the author of The Satanic Verses.

This assurance was recently repeated by Ali Akbar Naregh-Nuri. the parliamentary Speaker widely expected to succeed Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani after July's presidential

Western diplomats in Tehran said that the author had become a pawn in a prolonged erates and hardliners which is expected to become more heated as the elections near.

□ Delhi: An Indian Muslim scholar, Zaheeruddin Qadri. 59, is to publish a rejoinder in English to Mr Rushdie's controversial book. His Final Verses, already selling in Urdu, would be "a chapter-bychapter rejoinder", he said. Qadri was quoted as saying: "It is ready but . . . experts are



round their necks, are led away by Pakistani police yesterday after being arrested during a protest in Karachi against last week's

attacks on Christians in Pun-About 200 people were over the burning last week of arrested after heavy teargas

190 Christians held in Karachi protest

disperse thousands of dem-The Christians had assembled outside the Governor's house to voice anger

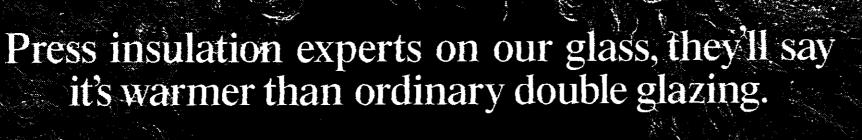
Christians in Khanewal and a nearby village, Shantinagar, about 280 miles southwest of Islamabad.

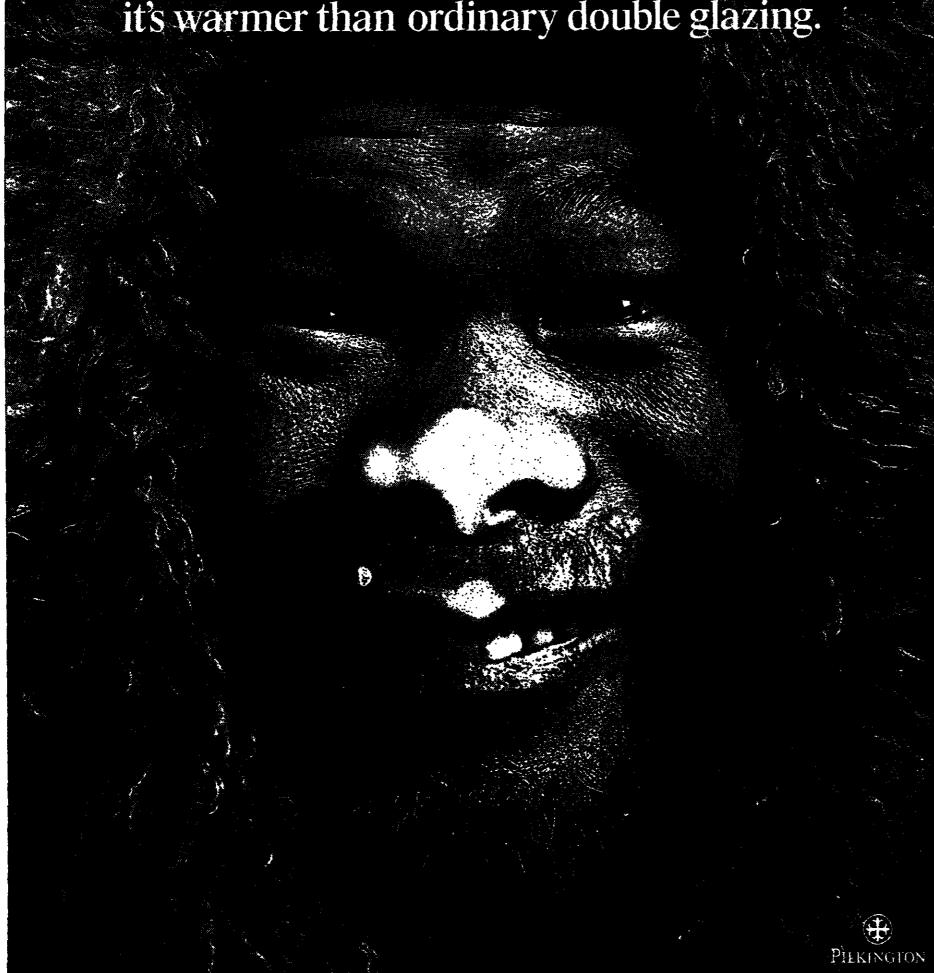
Police made the arrests after scuffles with emotional

threw stones and brandished sticks, damaging parked vehicles. Earlier, in speeches at a rally, community leaders Around 250,000 Christians

Pakistan's Muslim-dominat-ed population of 130 million. The February 6 rioting in Khanewal was sparked by allegations that crumpled pages from the Koran and pieces of paper bearing insulting remarks against the Prophet had been thrown

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suspected gamblers with chilli powder

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

SEVEN men accused of illegal gambling and other minor offences have been blinded by Indian police who rubbed a chilli powder concoction into their eyes to extract confessions. It is one of the most horrific police atrocities since the "Bhagalpur blindings" a decade ago, when criminals had their eyes gouged out with bicycle spokes to halt a crime

Doctors are treating the men in hospital, but say it will be a month before the permanent damage to their eyesight can be assessed. Police used a spiced version of a herbal preparation, meant for treating muscular pain, to torque the men, who were earlier ordered to strip and beat each

Police in India have a wretched reputation; with rare exceptions, the lower ranks

are corrupt and abusive. The case came to light after a doctor made public a letter he had sent to the local police chief in Rajkot, in the western state of Gujarat, complaining about what he called "cruel, inhuman and bizarre" conduct.

Lawyers in the city are planning to take the case to the Indian Human Rights Commission, a government-spon-sored body with a mixed reputation for investigating abuses committed by police and soldiers. Dr Rekha Gosalia, superin-

tendent of the G.T. Sheth Hospital near Raikot, said some or all of the victims could suffer permanent blindness.

Local police chiefs say they report but it is rare for police to prosecute their own officers. Most of those involved in the Bhagalpur affair, in the northern state of Bihar, were never charged.

Journalists in Gujarat investigating the latest atrocity said police took turns to apply the ointment to the men's eyes. Mangaldas Prabhudas, 45, one of the victims, was quoted as saying: "When we started rubbing our eyes they caught hold of us and administered

the second dose. I lost my vision immediately." Another victim, Jeevan Mashru, said the police had administered a second application of the cream when they discovered that he was still able to open his eyes

first dose. "All the others were crying out in pain, which prompted another round of thrashing [by police], this time on the

gers," he said. Five of the victims were accused of illegal gambling; one of the other two had been arrested in a minor narcotics case and the other for minor-

After seeing one of the victims, Dr Gosalia was quoted as saying: "He was not even allowed first aid when his eyes got swollen, causing blindness. The police brought him here after ten days, by which time considerable damage had been done to his comea, causing partial or total

The district magistrate of Rajkot said last night that he had been instructed by the Guiarat state Government to inquire into the affair and report directly to the state

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Blacks in South Africa turn against job quotas

roday shows that a majority of South Africans are against the affirmative action hiring practises that are a centrepiece of government policy and nearly universal in the private sector.

The indications are, more-over, that opinion - including black opinion - has hardened against the policy over the past

Something depends, of course, on definition. Only 23 per cent of voters thought that jobs should go to blacks on principle or until they have a proportionate share of all jobs. But another 22 per cent thought blacks should be appointed to jobs provided they were the equal of other applicants, and if they were not, then the best person should be appointed.

But this is no longer what is meant by affirmative action in South Africa. When a job is announced as an affirmativeaction appointment it means whites need not apply, and probably Coloureds and Asians need not either. Those in the 22 per cent who favour this option can hardly be counted on the affirmative-action side. Even if they are, there is a 54 to 45 per cent majority against, and on the tighter definition of affirmative action the majority

An opinion poll has revealed a nation in two minds: happy with President Mandela but critical of the ANC's liberal policies, writes R.W. Johnson in Johannesburg

Not surprisingly, the survey, conducted by Markdata found that more educated Africans — the most likely beneficiaries - were keener on the policy than blue-collar workers and the unemployed, who were strongly against But even among the mosteducated blacks support fell well short of 50 per cent, leaving one to conclude that the policy is favoured by a very narrow stratum of poten-

tial beneficiaries only. The poli also shows a huge majority of all races against the Government's new liberal abortion law and mounting resentment against illegal immigrants: the ANC is far more liberal on social policy than its natural constituency.
On the other hand, a clear

majority of all races wants to keep the functions of govern-ment split between three cities Pretoria (administrative capital), Cape Town (legisla-tive capital) and Bloemfontein (judicial capital) - rather than concentrated in a single capi-

swung, however, in favour of splitting the police force into provincial and city forces perhaps a sign of frustration with the high crime rate, but perhaps also a reflection of the low level of trust in the police shown in the survey.

A curious split-level reality

emerges from the data. Massive majorities of all races are satisfied with Mr Mandela as President, but far fewer are satisfied with the Government. When voters are asked to judge on issues, they are unhesitatingly negative about its record. So, at the top level there is a continued liberation euphoria now at odds with opinion on day-to-day life.

There are two particularly worrying signs for the Government. One is that dissatisfaction levels peak in its traditional stronghold of the Eastern Cape. Secondly, Afri-cans are still massively optimistic that conditions will improve for them over the next year or two - yet the economy is slowing and these

It is in the Eastern Cape,

too, that support for Bantu Holomisa, who has broken away from the ANC to form his own party, peaks. The survey finds that Mr Holomisa leads the field there (and picks up significant support in the Western Cape, too) as a popular choice for the next President.

Deputy President Thabo Mbeki, already the ANC's anointed choice, led the field of presidential contenders but with a surprisingly weak 25 per cent showing. Currently he is picking up only two ANC votes out of every five African ANC supporters and among Asians only one ANC voter in six. His problem is that he lacks a popular base and has the support of only 27 per cent of his own Xhosa-speaking

group.
The former ANC party boss. Cyril Ramaphosa, who left politics in favour of a business career, runs a strong second as choice of future President and among the emergent black middle class leads Mr

Mbeki by two to one.

Although Mr Mbeki is certain to succeed Mr Mandela, the survey provides an unvarnished picture of the frag-mented political reality that seems likely to ensue.



Young recruits to Zaire's rebel army, which has taken the key town of Isiro, hail their leader, Laurent Kabila

Rwanda genocide 'masterminds' for trial

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

COLONEL Theoneste Bagosora and three other people accused of masterminding the 1994 genocide in Rwanda will go on trial next Wednesday, the United Nations war crimes tribunal for Rwanda announced yesterday.

Colonel Bagosora was permanent secretary in the Defence Ministry of the Hutu-dominated regime which was defeated by an army of rebel Tutsis. Earlier,

than 500,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus. The others to go on trial, in the north Tanzanian town of Arusha, are Colonel Anatole Nsengiyumva, who was head of military intelligence, Ferdinand Nahimana, who was head of the Rwanda Information Office, and Andre Ntagerura, who was Minister of Transport. The tribunal cannot hand down

death sentences. Meanwhile, the tribunal's chief prose-

cutor, deputy prosecutor and registrar, are due to appear in New York next Friday to respond to an internal UN investigation that has accused the tribunal of mismanagement and failing to

pursue leading genocide suspects.
In Kinshasa, Zaire's Defence Ministry acknowledged yesterday that rebels had taken the key town of Isiro, 210 miles northeast of Kisangani, the country's third largest city. The ministry said it



De Klerk: time to rise

De Klerk calls for anti-ANC alliance

Cape Town: Former President F.W. de Klerk has sounded the rallying call for a major realignment of politics in South Africa and gave notice that his National Party was searching for allies as he fended off charges of a crisis in his leadership (Inigo

Gilmore writes). Mapping out his agenda for the coming year. Mr de Klerk gave a warning that without a political shake-up South Africa was heading for one-party rule. He repeated his call for like-minded forces to unite against the African

people to speak up and save Hong Kong. We want them to

speak to the Chinese leaders to

get them to wind up this

appointed illegal legislature.

Then our worries would be

over and overseas investors

would be very happy to come

problem does not lie with the

messenger but with the truth

Hong Kong was threatened by

"chaos". He said new "techni-

cal" laws to be imposed by

China were necessary to con-

trol demonstrations, and "so

that people will absolutely

understand they have to obey the law. He added that police

were unable to arrest wrong-

that the present laws are

sufficient to deal with almost

invariably peaceful demon-

strations and parades, he said:

They have to say that. It's the

government line. It's not what

When it was noted that Anson Chan, the chief secre-tary, and Donald Tsang, fi-

nancial secretary, both

expressed alarm at proposed

Bill of Rights cuts, Mr Tung's

aide said since they would be

serving in the next govern-ment in would be better for

them not to speak. It just confuses people."

they really think."

doers under present laws. Asked why the police testify

National Congess with a view to elections in 1999. The moderate forces, the

moderate thinkers, must find ways of rising above their old prejudices," he said. President Mandela recently

stole Mr de Klerk's thunder by inviting the Democratic Party and Pan Africanist Congress for talks about Cabinet posts. The Inkatha Freedom Party has also been sweetened by Mr Mandela's appointment of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi as acting President while on a recent

Democrats attacked | Vietnamese by Beijing's man

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG'S Democrats have two legislatures acting at were attacked yesterday by Tung Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive-designate, for going abroad to warn the world that the colony was facing collapse. For the first time in public, Mr Tung's affability cracked and his voice shook with

anger. His unnamed target was Martin Lee, the chairman of the Democratic Party, which holds most seats in the Legislative Council - which is to be replaced on July 1 by Beijing's appointed body. Mr Lee has been touring

European capitals seeking support for Hong Kong's human and political rights after the takeover. Recently some well-known

people including the Democranc Party have blackened the reputation of Hong Kong overseas . . . giving the impression that it is collapsing.

There are different views

as to the speed of democracy." Mr Tung said. Where to fix the balance between individual rights and the order of our society ... These are issues which should be talked through in Hong Kong instead of going overseas in such a way that it creates doubts and confusion which may or may not affect investment, and invites foreign countries to tell

us how to do things." Speaking from Europe, Mr Lee responded: There are indeed doubts and confusion in foreign countries. We now the same time ... We want

DISTRAUGHT and forlorn,

to Hong Kong. The root of the Police in southern Viet-nam's Ho Chi Minh City are of the message."

The day before, a close associate of Mr Tung said that

The four worked at a chop-

According to witnesses, the girls were seen wandering on the city's Xang bridge. They ate a final meal there, before throwing their shoes, clothing and other belongings into the water. Then they leapt, bound by the wrists. Some people tried to save them but the current swept them away, the

girls leap to death in suicide pact

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS

four 16-year-old girls ate a final meal together, bound their wrists with a silk scarf and leapt from a bridge to their deaths in a suicide pact.

still investigating why the girls killed themselves on Monday.

stick factory near the city, formerly Saigon, the state-run newspaper Youth reported

newspaper reported.

Three bodies were recovered the next day.

Police quoted relatives as saying that the girls had been showing signs of discress and had sometimes gone home drunk. There was a suggestion that they were having problems with boyfriends and they had apparently left their homes several days earlier. Teenage suicide is rare in

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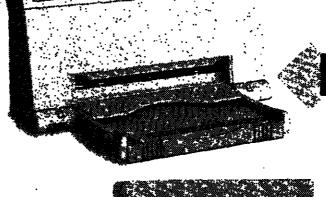
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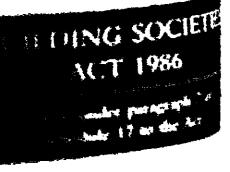
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British Council faces storm of protest over library closures

By MARK HENDERSON

THE British Council is facing a storm of protest from expa-triates and educationists following its decision to close nearly all its lending libraries in Western Europe and South-East Asia

Libraries have been closed in every Western European country except France, and services have also been cut in Hong Kong, Singapore and Thailand. The council aviil replace the leading libraries with computerised "information centres" with access to the Internet and CD-Roms and scaled down, reference only libraries. It claims its lending libraries duplicate other pubLibrary users, though, say

Britain is losing a unique service that builds foreign goodwill. Andrew Leech, an Anglo-Greek teacher who campaigned against closure of the Athens library in December, said yesterday that English-language teaching and influence would be hit.

A group of Greek academies at the University of Athens said the closure would have "a deplorable effect on the prospecis for Greek students studying in English". More than half the library's subscribers were Greek students, and it had the largest stock of English books in Greece.

money to reopen the library privately, supported by the Australian, Irish, South African, Canadian and Pakistani embassies. Britain has not contributed. Stephan Roman, the British

Council's director of information services, said the council had to target resources to-wards influencing decisionmakers and promoting British trade, culture and education "Lending libraries are no longer achieving this goal in the developed world," he said. The council has no plans to close lending libraries in India or Africa, which still attract thousands of Mr Leech is trying to raise subscribers.

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Smugglers cash in as police abandon Albanian riot port

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN VLORE, ALBANIA

THE coast road winds down into the dilapidated port of Vlore, past barricades of boulders and burnt-out cars.

Vlore, on the Adrianc, is where riots over savings lost in fraudulent "pyramid" funds have come the closest yet to bringing down the Govern-ment of President Berisha. crackdown and retreat, Mr Berisha chose retreat this week, withdrawing all police from the town after some of the worst riots that Albania has seen in more than a month

Residents of this rundown seaside town are left jubilant but baffled. Several thousands again took to the pot-holed, rubbish-strewn streets yesterday, chanting "Down with the Government" and "Resign. resign". There were reports that senior members of the ruling Democratic Party had called on Aleksandr Meksi. the Prime Minister, to step

Police continued to block opposition demonstrations in the centre of Tirana, and at Vlore extra troops were shipped into the military base on the island of Sazan, clearly

At the cemetery, in olive

people filed past the freshly dug grave of Artur Rustemi, the 34-year-old shopkeeper shot dead during a day of mayhem in which police and protesters pelted each other

with stones. Smashed paving stones litter the streets. "He was killed by the police," the gravedigger told me, turning over the heavy clay soil. I told him that the police deny it. "A sniper," he

A colour photograph on the flower-covered grave shows a balding man with a long, smiling face. On either side are the graves of the two men in their fifties who died of heart attacks during the

At the hospital, where the wounded were taken, the stench of garbage and decay almost overpowers the disinfectant. "Let's hope Berisha does not bring in the troops," one nurse said. "We can hardly cope as it is."

Down in the town are the gutted remains of the local headquarters of the Democratic Party, set on fire during Mr Rustemi's funeral. Yesterday, as rumours swept Vlore that Vefa, one of the biggest pyramid business empires, was about to collapse ending groves high above the town, any hope of refunds, demon-

strators debated whether to burn and loot a Vefa-owned hotel on the seashore. But quickest to take advan-

tage of the police retreat were the local smugglers, who — scarcely believing their luck — took back more than 100speedboats confiscated by police for transporting illegal immigrants, cigarettes, mari-juana and other contraband. "We grow the best marijuana in the world," said one man as I watched him winching his speedboat on to a flatbed

Vlore, ruled in the past by Romans, Venetians, Turks and Italians, has long had a reputation for brigandry. A plaque on a seaside café marks the spot where Ismail Qemali, a local bey, declared Albania's independence from the Ottomans in 1912.

Today the brigands are Mafia-backed "businessmen". whose opulent wealth and flashy cars contrast with the rubble and grime of Viore's daily life.

Albanian and Italian maliosi were heavily involved in pyramid schemes such as Gjalliuca, the Vlore-based fund, which Italian police say was used for Matia money-



A woman brandishes an Albanian banknote during a demonstration in Vlore yesterday as protests over collapsed pyramid funds continued. Earlier this week the Government withdrew police from the town

padded shoulders and dark nians to Italy, despite Italian glasses who look as if they efforts to intercept them. The come from the back streets of Naples, and in some cases do. Yesterday "liberated" speed-

boats were being used once

again to spirit desperate Alba-

going rate, I was told at the port, is \$1,500 (£950) per illegal

Police also blamed underworld gangs for the shooting of Shezai Zani, an off-duty policeman, at his home in Viore on Wednesday night. He was sprayed with automatic settie a score. of the head with a revolver.

der arose from a feud, with mafiosi taking advantage of the temporary anarchy to

settling of scores before this is

Dutch child killings spark 'copycat' fears

FROM MARK FULLER IN AMSTERDAM

AUTHORITIES in The Net-their home, also in Hoofherlands appealed for a news blackout yesterday after a wave of killings of children by their parents.

Local journalists said the mur-

Psychologists, police and judicial officials fear more "copycat" killings after five cases involving the murders of nine children in four weeks. In the latest, a 41-year-old Amsterdam, admitted murdering his wife and six-year-

The killings began on January 15, when police found the bodies of three children at ddorp. Their parents, who failed in suicide attempts, admitted the murders, claiming that they had never recovered from the death of a fourth child from leukaemia two

years ago. Four days later police arrested a 36-year-old woman, accused of suffocating her days later a divorced father of 43 shot his two sons, aged seven and nine, and himself. A week ago another divorced man killed his son, eight, and Art world defies the French Far Right chine passe to Cl

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FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE French art establishment yesterday locked horus with the extremeright National Front over allegations of cultural censorship, as more than 150 of the country's writers joined a swelling protest against tough anti-immi-

gration laws.

More than 1.000 film-makers, actors, singers and authors converged on the southern port of Tonlon to demonstrate against the sacking of a left-wing theatre director and the closure of his cultural centre by the city's National Front Mayor. Gerard Paquet, director

of the Châteauvallon theatre and cultural centre, was recently dismissed by the Mayor, Jean-Marie Le Chevallier, prompting outrage in artistic circles. The centre became a focus of opposition to the National Front last year after M Le Chevallier banned a tribute to the Jewish writer Marek Halter. "What is happen-ing is typical of a totalitarian or fascist state

attacking culture and freedom," said Jacques Higelin, the rock star, one of hundreds of artists and entertainers who travelled overnight to Toulon on a "Freedom Train".

Claude Chabrol, the film director, and actor Roger Hanin were among those who marched through Toulon before assembling at a court hearing about M Paquet's dismissal, which was adjourned.

A group of 155 French writers and intellectuals backed a protest by filmmakers against laws requiring citizens to report the arrival and departure of foreign guests without residence permits.

☐ Mayor quits: The Mayor of Cannes, Michel on remand resigned a week after the Supreme Courf rejected his appeal corruption. (Reuter)

Brussels gives British economy bill of health



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From Charles Bremner in brussels BRITAIN featured as a model of

economic health yesterday in a report by the European Commission that called on member states to apply more reforms along British lines and said that budget have driven up unemployment.

"High wage and non-wage labour costs as well as ... rigid employment security rules have reduced the attractive-'fudging" would not guarantee them a berth in monetary union.

The Commission's annual study of the EU economy made the most of signs of accelerating growth, but this alone would not be enough to make more than a dent in the painfully high level of unemployment, which is now running at an Commission rehearsed the standard argument that Europe must preserve its social model", the doctrine of the welfare state that distinguishes West Europe from the US and other big

market approach preached by John Major, it called for greater effort to ditch rigid wage laws and tax habits which

ness of labour as a production factor," said the 200-page report. In a forzy into a political minefield, it urged governments to promote jobs for the young and less skilled by waiving rules on minimum wages and cutting social charges. in France and other EU states, it said: Technological change and globalisation are not the cause of unemployment."

Although not cited as a model. Britain's buoyant economy, with a jobless level falling below 7.9 per cent, stood out

in contrast to most other member states. "Since the 1980s the United Kingdom has undertaken a series of deregulatory labour market measures designed to reduce the cost to employers of hiring labour," it noted. Mainly as a result, unemployment was "much lower than the Ell appears" the EU average".

The Commission, whose President is

Jacques Santer, produced no new forecasts on the question of which countries will match the criteria for monetary union in 1999. The so-called Maastricht mance in 1997. However, it said there was a danger that the once-off budget manoeuvres being employed by a dozen states to scrape under the Maastricht threshold would not create the sustainable financial health that is demanded.



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FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE Chinese Embassy in Washington was used to channel illegal Asian donations to help President Clinton's re-election, the man who helped to uncover Watergate

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claimed yesterday.
Bob Woodward, writing in
The Washington Post, said a
Justice Department investigation into fundraising irregularities had found evidence that Chinese diplomats used their mission as a centre to solicit money from foreign

Although denied by the embassy, the allegation adds a new diplomatic and counterintelligence dimension to the burgeoning inquiry into Asian donations, a scandal which seems set to dog Mr Clinton's second term.

Combined with expected congressional subpoenas against former Clinton Administration officials, the allegation may result in the appointment of an independent counsel.

Several federal agencies were said to have conducted electronic surveillance at the embassy and the Justice Department was treating its in-

quiry as "serious". Mr Woodward, an indefatigable investigative journalist and managing editor of The

Washington Post, said evidence of involvement by the Chinese Government had led the FBI to increase the number of special agents working on its task force from a mere handful to 25.

Mike McCurry, Mr Clin-ton's press secretary, said that to the "best of his knowledge" no one at the White House knew of any clandestine planning in the embassy.
The Clinton Administration

has made disparaging noises to Beijing about human rights. Hong Kong, trade issues and weapons proliferation. It sent a carrier group to the Taiwan Strait last year when the Chinese were engaged in sabre-rattling ahead of the island's elections.

The Clinton Administra-tion, particularly since re-election, has sought to engage the Chinese further. Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, is to visit Beijing this month and has said that Sino-American relations will not be held hostage to any single

The President is also planning to visit China and has invited President Jiang Zemin to Washington. Mr Clinton, whose interest in the region stems from connections made

Arkansas, has long argued for a policy of active engagement. American businessmen are eager to enter the fast-emerging Far Eastern markets.

The Chinese have increased their lobbying in Washington, concerned that Taiwan and Israel appear more successful in influencing American

Investigators have long sus-pected a Chinese connection to the current fundraising scandal because several big donors to the Democratic Party had strong links to Beijing. Charles Yah Lin Trie, a former Arkansas restaurateur who is now an international businessman, used his influence to take a Chinese arms dealer to the White House.

John Huang, the former Commerce Department offi-cial at the centre of the fundraising scandal, was born in China and worked for the Lippo Group, the Indonesian conglomerate which has extensive interests in the People's Republic.

Last month Gerald Solo-mon, the Republican chairman of the House rules committee, asked the FBI to investigate Mr Huang and Lippo with an eye to "potential economic espionage against



President and Mrs Clinton and Vice-President and Mrs Gore at the service. Below, the actor Gregory Peck, who was among the mourners



President's tribute to ally Harriman

PAMELA HARRIMAN was praised by President Clinton at her funeral yesterday as a cherished friend who helped him to get his job. "Today I am here in no small measure because she was there," he said, recalling how she had helped his first campaign for the White House.

She had revived his party's spirits when at a low ebb by forming a group that seemed at the time a "laughable

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

oxymoron" called Democrats for the Eighties. After that, her appointment as American Ambassador to France was one of the easiest choices he made for any job, Mr Clinton told a throng of Cabinet members, politicians, dip-lomats and friends who gathered at Washington National Cathedral to honour Mrs Harriman, who died,

aged 76, in Paris last week. In his eulogy. Mr Clinton said that

Mrs Harriman, who was born in Britain, had adopted the United States with extraordinary devotion and her country bade her farewell with pro-found gratitude. "With the special appreciation of one not native born. she felt to her bones America's special leadership role in the world," Mr Clinton told the congregation of 1,150. She had represented America with

Prince delivered to 'King of Pop'

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

AS helicopters swarmed overhead and paparazzi laid siege to the lospital gates. Debbie Rowe Jackson gave birth to a boy destined for a life of wealth and weirdness in roughly equal measure.

Sources at Cedars Sinai Medical Centre in Beverly Hills said the second Mrs Michael Jackson gave birth to the 6lb |20z baby at lam

yesterday morning. The King of Pop's first child



Jackson: child said to be named after him

was reportedly named Michael Jackson Jr, but was instantly dubbed the Prince of Pop by the tabloid army.

Michael Jackson Sr, who still claims to be living out a childhood denied him by an overbearing father, married Debbie Rowe in a hastily-arranged midnight ceremony in a Sydney hotel last year after reports emerged that he had paid her over \$500,000 (£310,000) to carry his child.

The wedding came less than a year after Mr Jackson's Presley, Elvis's daughter, and less than three years after his \$20 million out-of-court settlement of a child abuse scandal that threatened to ruin his The couple met while Ms

Rowe was working as a nurse at his plastic surgeon's office. They have denied reports that she was impregnated by arti-ficial insemination, was paid for the pregnancy and will be paid again to relinquish all custody rights should they

Albright mission to back Nato and EU expansion

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

MADELEINE ALBRIGHT, the American Secretary of State, will arrive in Europe next week with a message that America wants the enlargement of Nato to be accompanied by a rapid widening and deepening of the European Union.

She will take a tough stance towards Russia's concerns about extending Nato membership to Central and Eastern European states, emphasising that it will be down the process. The State Department will also take a sceptical line towards the Russian claim that enlargement will stir up political tensions by giving power to hardline isolationist factions. The Clinton Administration regards this as an attempt to give

America a "guilt trip". Ms Albright's visit to Europe, where unresolved questions about Nato enlargement dominate relations with the US, comes at the start of a whirlwind round-the-world tour, including Russia and China. However, President Clinton sees Nato expansion, where America's role is clear and essential, as promising ground for negotiations, in contrast to tortuous problemsolving in Bosnia-Herzegovi-na, the Middle East and Northern Ireland.

Nato members will meet to thrash out terms of expansion in July in Madrid. That will come after a meeting between President Clinton and Presi-dent Yeltsin in Helsinki, at which Russia will voice again its anxiety at seeing its former satellites drawn within a European security blanket.

Washington regards Rus-sia's demand that Nato should not put its equipment or troops on new members' soil as unreasonable. The State Department takes the view that new members should have all the rights of membership.

America is more sympathetic to Russia's concern that an enlarged Nato should not sprawl eastwards. Nato mem-

bruise on her face to back up

When he ordered her to

drive down a dirt road she

deliberately rammed a tree,

grabbed her car keys and ran

off into some woods, she said.

Harding dodging through trees to shake off her pursuer, returning to the pick-up and

driving to safety, she told

The officer's responded:

"We'll treat this at face value

and investigate it just as we

tives confirmed that there was

a fresh dent in a tree where Ms

Harding said she had hit it

with her vehicle, though they found no trace of the suspect

Oregon's most famous red-

head was banned from skat-

ing in amateur competition, fined \$110,000 (£67,500) and

told to perform 500 hours of community service after a

crowbar attack on Ms Kerrigan that failed either to break her leg. as planned, or to

prevent her winning a silver

medal at the Lillehammer Winter Olympics in Norway. Ms Harding finished eighth.

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sauerkraut wrestling con-tracts in Japan and been

booed when attempting to launch a second career as the lead singer for a now-defunct

pop group called the Golden

She is scheduled to perform

a three-minute ice skating exhibition routine in the Neva-

da gambling town of Reno

Since then, she has turned

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Retracing her steps, detec-

would investigate anybody."

The chase ended with Ms

bers have said that an enlarged organisation would not deploy nuclear weapons on the new members' soil. Washington will encourage Russia to rely for reassurance on signed agreements with the alliance's members, which will however not be legally binding. Washington's tough stance

is based partly on the view that the transformation which Russia is undergoing is so profound and disruptive that blame any apparent external threat for its problems. At the same time the Clinton Administration is concerned to allay fears at home that it is conceding too much to a former enemy.

In committing America to Nato expansion, the Administration will face tough battles in the Republican-controlled Congress. American participation in an enlarged North Atlantic alliance would need approval by two thirds of the

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Disgraced skater 'chased through wood by knifeman'

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TONYA HARDING, the tarnished tigress of the figure skating rink, claims that she has pulled off a dramatic escape from a knife-wielding abductor who commandeered her pick-up truck and ordered her to take him "where I need

Ms Harding's account of a terrifying half-hour chase through woods near her Oregon home comes three years after she admitted covering up an attack on her arch-rival, Nancy Kerrigan, and ten days before her long-awaited comeback.

Shaken but uninjured, the 26-year-old told Portland sheriff's deputies that a bushyhaired man had ambushed her within yards of her front door and forced her at knifepoint to drive for half an hour to a rural area beyond the city

The man slapped her when she offered to stop and let him out, the skater claimed, with a



offer over confession BY GILES WHITTELL O.J. SIMPSON has declined

an offer by Fred Goldman to drop a claim to \$21 million (£12.8 million) in damages in return for a confession by Mr Simpson to the killings of Ronald Goldman and Nicole Brown. "No matter how much money I am offered I would never confess to a crime which I did not commit." the former football star said through his lawyer.

Mr Goldman had said he would forget his share of the \$33.5 million in damages awarded against Mr Simpson if he wanted to sign a confession with all the details of his crime, and broadcast it all over the country". The Goldman family lawyer. Daniel Petrocelli, backed the offer despite having taken the case on a contingency basis.

The rejection of a cash-forconfession deal was widely anticipated since it would have left Mr Simpson, who has always denied carrying out the murders, vulnerable to perjury charges. It sets the stage for a protracted court battle by the victims' families to seize Mr Simpson's assets.

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The declining state of the Union



Once a forum for serious debate, the Oxford Union now displays a growing taste for cheap publicity stunts, says former president Michael Gove

spared from its latest occasion of shame when Mandy Allwood withdrew from a debate on abortion. Speakers including Ann Clwyd, MP, and the columnist Mary Kenny were apparently reluctant to share a platform with the woman who had turned the miracle of life into a media franchise.

It is no longer a surprise to see the Oxford Union invite individuals to speak who are famous only for being infamous. The chair, once graced by Asquith, has now been occupied by a succession of students who have mortgaged the society's reputation by receiving a sex therapist, a wife-beater and killer.

Jane Collins's talk on "Stimulating women: What exactly do women want from sex?" might be appropriate on a Marie-Claire cover but should it have been delivered in the William Morris splendour of the Union's Old Library? The Union has played host to courtroom performers, but should the place at the dispatch box once taken by F.E. Smith be occupied by O.J. Simpson? Even the "interrogation" of Kermit the Frog would have been a weak joke in a kindergarten. It was a blot on the term of an otherwise

outstanding president. Presidents increasingly invite guests to hawk their wares the traditions of television light entertainment than an ancient university. When Simpson

exercise in rehabilitation, not cross-examination. He presided over a glorified press con-ference instead of being tested in debate. His itinerary bore Max Clifford's sticky fingerprints. The press agent is not quite the Mephistopheles he is painted. His trade has its place - in the twilit alleys off Fleet Street. But he should not be the puppet-master of Oxford Union presidents.

Simpson: rehabilitation

office in the Oxford Union are only students. They can be forgiven if their view of wise conduct is occasionally eclipsed by Hollywood glamour. But, judged against their predecessors, even the most indulgent must acknowledge recent officers are satyrs next to Hyperions. The Union has earned itself poor notices in the past, but criticism has come from sources who recog-nised the importance of the

results of debates which they believed to be barometers of Young England's mood. The most notorious moment in the society's history was the 1933 "King and Country" debate when a majority of members voted against fighting for the monarch and his realm. The expression of undergraduate pacifism is supposed to have emboldened Hitler to go to war, confident that effete British youth would not resist him.

In the Sixties the society once again found the radicalism of its members, who opposed the Vietnam War, attracting notice. Harold Wilson sent the Foreign Secretary. Michael Stewart, to the Union to defend American actions. His hostile reception underlined the opposition to the war of intelligent youth. Even in the Eighties, the birth of the SDP was only pronounced a success after the Union had given its blessing, even though William Hague, the then rising star, accurately predicted that the party would become the heterosexual wing of the Liberal Party".

The Union's influence on politics has been built on a solid tradition of taking debate seriously. The society was founded in 1823 and attracted the young Gladstone to its first meetings. It witnessed the first Curzon and Birkenhead, Roy Jenkins, Edward Heath, William Rees-Mogg, Anthony Howard, Jeremy Isaacs, Tariq Ali, Benazir Bhutto and William Hague. From the claret-



The appearance of Kermit the Frog would have been "a weak joke in a kindergarten. It was a blot on the term of an otherwise outstanding president"

fuelled fluency of Asquith in the 1870s to Hague's Tetleydriven tirades in the Eighties, certain traditions survived. Debates at the Union were not student shouting-matches but dignified jousts conducted in accordance with practices which encouraged undergraduates to raise their game to the level of past masters.

The Union's pre-eminence over its older sister in Cambridge was in part due to the of the Cambridge Union. For most of its history it has been overshadowed by Oxford, a provincial council chamber next to a surrogate Westmin-

The Union, however, did have a place for levity. The final debates of most terms and the fifth week of the summer term were given over to frivolous motions, some genuinely funny. And the cellars, once transformed into a nightclub by the then president, Michael Heseltine, provided a stage where comedians such as Armando lannucci, Stewart Lee and Richard Herring were first our main intent then was serious. We believed in the importance of being earnest, even if the results were some-

My own record as president

hardly stands comparison with my distinguished predecessors. I presided over more than my fair share of catastrophes but at least we tried to make debating the society's heart and soul. An audience of over a thousand came to hear Matthew Parris and Duncan Campbell debate homosexual law reform with Tory backbenchers, and hundreds came to see Malcolm Rifkind take on Donald Dewar on the

future of the United Kingdom Of course some of my actions were actuated by ambition. As an aspirant hack, I chose to speak in debates with broadcasters and backbenchers, indeed organised one on the future of the media with Alan Yentob and Peter Jay, but in the Eighties, ambition was channelled into debating with heavyweights in the chamber. not schmoozing with Mr Clifford at the bar.

Presidents may believe celebrities attract members but in 1987 undergraduates joined in their hundreds to hear Laurent Fabius and Michael Heseltine discuss the future of the West. Now the Union has Geoffrey Boycott to discuss defensive strategy. The commercial course does not even seem to be a success in its own terms. The cost of meeting the "expenses" of visits by Diego

the society lurch into deficit. Whatever new subscriptions were secured by the C-list celebs seem to have been outweighed by the associated costs. The Cambridge Union. which is financially flush, has seen no need to take the low road and flourishes with a programme of serious debate of the sort Oxford used to

concentrate on: Of course, the Oxford Union still attracts serious speakers but it has been living dwindling inheritance. The intellectial capital built up over generations has been squandered for theap publicity. This House should put

Thought for the day

Tall tales aren't just for small minds

CAPRICORN ONE is one of those grainy American films that makes ideal viewing during the early, and often hazy hours of Saturday morning. Part sci-fi, part thriller, part adventure movie, the 1978 film centres on how the first manned flight to Mars is a government hoax to impress the American public. And the 1970s hairstyles, fashions and dialogue heap hilarity on an

already ridiculous plot. Startlingly, there are some people who believe that man never set foot on the Moon. But far from being dribbling fools, these unbelievers are young professionals and they are featured in a documentary to be shown on Channel 4 (For The Love Of ..., midnight,

February 24).

The cult of believing in daft things seems to be experienc-ing a dramatic revival. The resurgence started with the X-Files, which tapped deep into the human psyche. It spawned many imitations, including the dreadful Out Of This World, which claimed to investigate paranormal phenomena through scientific means. It may have been laughable, but the series simply served to expose the number of people who believe in the most irrational things. Haunted houses, coinciThe belief in daft things is undergoing a revival, reports Anjana Ahuja

dences, telepathic pets, spontahad gone wrong when they tried to make the ship reapno subject was too dodgy. Now we have Fortean TV and Bizarre, a new men's magapear. It eventually came back. zine incorporating a world map of UFO sightings. It was, and is, all old hat. In

the early 1980s I subscribed to The Unexplained, a weekly magazine about strange phenomena. Its contents were a crank's delight - fairies, poltergeists, vampires, water that flowed uphill, alien abduction, clouds that resemble Jesus, and, again, spontaneous hu-man combustion. Now a similar magazine series is being advertised. It is going to sell because there are more people than ever who are convinced that The Truth Is Out There.

I HAVE also measured the rise in interest in inexplicable phenomena by the mailbag for *The Times's* science page. me about the Philadelphia Experiment, which was also the subject of a film. The Americans, it was said, had been experimenting with elec-tromagnetic fields to make things disappear. They had,

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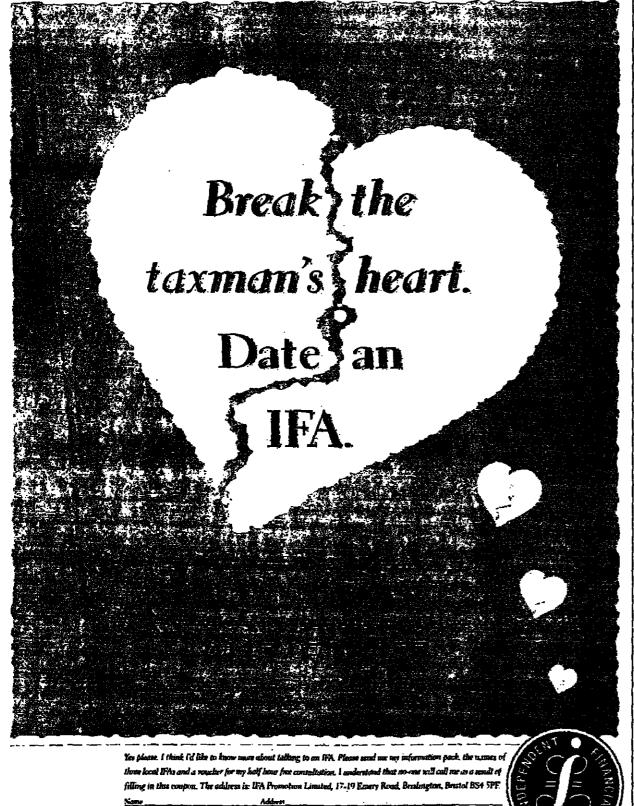
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but the seamen went mad and apparitions of the ship kept cropping up. The letter raised a smile because I had read about the episode in my younger days. I noted his comments, and added it to a pile of letters about ghosts, alien abductions, spontaneous hu-man combustion ...

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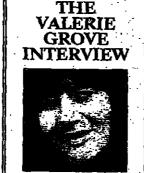
when the papers are full of soppy Bunnikins stuff. It is also National Marriage Week Liam and Patsy dithered in St John's Wood, while the Bishop of Hull sensibly suggested tax incentives to marry. The thinktank Demos proposed that people write their own shortterm marriage contracts. At last our obsession with divorce - there is, as yet, no National Divorce Week - is switching to marriage. "Marriage prepa ration, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, said on Tuesday, "could be the most effective means of preventing problems."

This is music to the ears of Penny Mansfield, director of One Plus One, founded in 1971 as the Marriage Research Centre, brainchild of the visionary Dr Jack Dominian. One Plus One believes that instead of ineffectual marriage counselling - when people are banging on the door to get out - we should support marriage before it starts to go wrong. But how? The idea at first seemed mad, but the wisdom of it is now dawning. Marriage breakdown is expensive, socially disruptive; emotionally damaging. And One Plus One is launching its programme of American-style training for marriage this

Ms Mansfield is 45, convent-educated, married for 20 years to Richard Dowden (a former Editor of The Catholic Herald, now writing for The Economist about Africa), whom she met when she interviewed him about the embourgeoisement of Irish Catholic immigrants. They live in an enormous house in Highbury with two teenage daughters. It all looks wonderfully blessed. But she at once

says that marriage is not easy. Mr Dowden is often away. And places like Rwanda and Zaire take a lot of coming back from." It brings all sorts of strains. How to maintain his involvement with the trivia of the children's lives? Apparently the fax machine is their salvation. "Modern technology can support the fabric of

We sat and talked of marriage while Mr Dowden supervised mock GCSE revision upstairs. Ms Mansfield, a graduate in human sciences, finds her work perennially



training Ten years ago she inter-viewed 75 newlywed couples. Now she has followed them up. A few have split up; but

ing to study those who stay together and how.

You might think the intact marriage is the one where nothing happens. On the contrary — in an intact marriage, lots of things are going on. Remember in Lampedusa's The Leopard: Things have got to change to stay the same." That's what happens in a

she says it is far more reveal-

marriage that works. As Enid Bagnold once wrote, anyone can part; lasting is the difficulty, and the beauty, of marriage "the candlelit battleground, the truces, the fun, the love, the rage."

"It's not about who does the washing up," Ms Manssays. "It's much deeper than Things change over the years. Having dif-

ferent circles of friends. Having children, which brings enormous changes. Who has more freedom, who's left in the house? Then children grow up, and divide and rule their parents." Tolstoy got it wrong, when he said "All happy families resemble one another". Ms Mansfield says. "It is happy couples who are as different as could be. No two are the same.

But what distinguishes marriage is the expectation of permanence - and you can't expect something permanent to stay the same, on a plateau of perfection. The marriages that survive find a way of making sense of the less than perfect periods. The anchor is the partnership."

Penny Mansfield, the director of One Plus One. believes the antidote to a rising divorce rate could be pre-marriage

Many women, she says, cite overcoming an adversity as a proof of their commitment. They say: "We went through all that and we're still here, so we must be all right." They could have walked out, but did not. Better the devil you know," they shrug. "We have things in common. And child-

ren. We've built a life together." We think of the perfect marriage as a caring, sharing, all-revealing relationship. But women often settle for less. They say: I know he'll never

understand me really. But he's a nice bloke. And he wouldn't be able to cope without me.' And that down is seems to be enough." She approves of

expensive, Demos's proposals for flexible consocially tracts for childless couples because it disruptive, underlines the sodamaging riage, making a

> tract. "To people who say, what's the point, why does it matter?, the answer is, it matters because rituals help people to express things important to them. Most of us need some way of marking boundaries, of saying 'I am throwing in my lot with this person, and I want to make it work'. And when it works, it works because you can trust the other person, and rely on them. You think: we're on the same side.

ship a public con-

"Marriage is important to the health of society. People look after each other, which saves society an awful lot of money. It's one reason why the Government now realises that supporting marriage is in everybody's interest."

The training for marriage — it is called PREP and comes from the University of Denver, where research already shows that prepped couples are less likely to part — teaches people to argue, negotiate and listen. How not to walk out of a room, or hurl painful putdowns, or let rows escalate into fights.

We have a video showing a wife talking at her husband, while he withdraws further away, feeling engulfed by this woman. The essential thing is not to end by hitting each other. Domestic violence happens because women are extremely verbal, and men lash out because they can't get their point across in any other way.

¶ he modern predicament," she says, "is that people can't fall back on those old roles of mother and father husband and wife, because they are both involved in everything; there are so many demands on them, and so little time, and never enough money; they are bound to argue more, and the couples who do best are those who can argue without ending up saying 'I don't know why I ever married you'."

Ms Mansfield often visits schools: last week she addressed the sixth-form at Harrow and told them every marriage is a mixed marriage because "it's a man and a woman - two foreign cultures which have to be resolved".

"They asked me, can you fall out of love? And I explained the difference between falling in love and loving. Falling in love is wonderful, but bound to result in change - which may be just moving into this loving state, when the loved one comes off the pedestal."

Marriages in this loving state are like friendship: they hardly need "skills". They flourish as effortlessly as breathing, there is no "making it work". This week, an NO survey found that what people want most from marriage is "friendship or companion-ship". Which shows how far marriage has changed since 1955, when a survey found the most important thing in marriage was "fulfilling the roles of breadwinner and homemaker". Perhaps the most timeless guideline is the Victorian manual, Happy Homes and How to Make Them. The first of its 15 rules was: "Do not

expect too much."



Pulling a new trick out of the hat

ohn Lenahan has a little rule he never lets anyone J take his photograph holding a deck of cards. It may be superstition, it may be a fear of coming across like a pick-a-card-any-card fairround card sharp with no urther strings to his bow. But he breaks it occasionally. Because that is what people

do with rules. The Magic Circle has a little rule, too, about members not

John Lenahan may have played his cards right after all. His expulsion from the Magic Circle has ensured maximum publicity for his TV show, says Giles Coren

think, but the revered Circle

trade. But John Lenahan truistic gesture, you might broke that, too. It was on an edition of How Do They Do did not see it that way. That? in 1994 that he revealed Lenahan was booted out, the the mysteries of the three-card first magician to be expelled monte, a trick used by conmen to separate gullible fools from

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since 1909 (when the Circle's founder and first president divulging the secrets of their their savings. A beautiful alwas evicted for a similar "They got me on a bum rap," Lenahan seethes, "I argued that I was just showing people how not to get conned, For cheaper, that it wasn't a bona fide

magic trick. But they weren't interested in debate." Lenahan an American, learnt magic as an adult and only took a crack at it professionally because his juggling wasn't up to scratch. He settled in London in the 1980s. He has a well developed sense hard to tell whether he takes the Magic Circle seriously. He

had not been a member long when they ejected him. "I had refused to join for years because they didn't allow women in and when they changed that rule, I was one of the first to join. But I was pretty outspoken about their sexist policies, so I guess they were looking for a good

nd is it likely to be a A permanent exclusion?
"Oh yes, I'm outta there for ever, or at least until Berglass [the president] dies." But the effects of Lenahan's ejection have not been entirely negative. He got a better share of the headlines than he might have, say, extracting a rabbit from a hat on prime-time television, and now he has his Stuff The White Rabbit.

reason to chuck me out."

back page of The Stage," he chuckles. "It was a big picture of me and it said: 'A message to the council of the Magic Circle from John Lenahan, bost of the BBC's new magic show: Nyahh, Nyahh, Nyahh,

Nyahh, Nyhaah'." A cynic might suggest that he knew what would happen when he revealed his secret, that it was a highly cumning PR stunt. "Not at all," he says. "I'm not saying that being thrown out of the Magic Circle wasn't professionally one of the best things that has ever happened to me. But it wasn't planned.

The Magic Circle is a big group of amateurs — it's a bunch of guys who just sit around and do card tricks. Being thrown out of the AA is worse — at least it helps you out once in a while." Does he want to be invited

back? "I want them to state that what they did was wrong. And that won't happen." Stuff The White Rabbit is BBC2 tonight at midnight

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y extension, Dracula might be consid-Bered Draconian. For Dracula lived on after his death by sucking the blood of virgins. He preferred his virgins to be living ones. Whereas Draco made almost every violation of his laws a capital offence. Contemporaries in 7th-century Athens complained that his penal code was "written in blood". So Draco set a precedent for modern Home Secretaries and their Shadows suck-ing up to the Daily Mail law-and-order vote. Under his system, being tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime sent offenders for the high jump — literally. Those banged up in British jails might consider Draco's death penalty without the option a less cruel and unnatural punishment than continual visits from Ann Widdecombe, the Minister for Prisons, on her vampirish hobby.

However, not even the lowest-life Athenian accused Draco of literally sucking up blood, without some risk of metaphorical inexactitude. So when Nigel de Gruchy, the general secretary of the most truculent teachers' union, said that to call the Government's latest education fiddles Draconian was an insult to Dracula, there were hoots and shrieks. Sub-editors showed their usually hidden hands on the front pages for once by the sharp insertion of "sic]" after Dracula. This was a classic example of the Schadenfreude we take from other men's gaffes, or what the Americans call flubs. Teachers collect such classroom howlers. Even in 1840, Macaulay may have been showing off his capacious memory when he wrote: "Every schoolboy knows who imprisoned Monteauna and who strangled Ata-hualpa." Today not many pupils or their teachers or teachers' representatives are up to speed on Draco.

But Dracula has become a legend in his after-lifetime. The vampire has become a necessary myth, and bloodsucker is a contemporary metaphor. Dracula is almost as popular a subject for films as Robin Hood. And the cinema has created a vast subculture, and shifted the Dracula mythology a long way from its origin. The films work by sensational and shocking images: thunder and lightning shake the cardboard Carpathians, sinister shadows descend the staircase. moonlight glitters on the curiously elongated cuspids of Peter Cushing or Bela Lugosi. But Bram Stoker's original Dracula worked by slowly building suspense.

Wilkie Collins created the sensation novel with The Woman in White and The Moonstone. By attributing various strands of the narrative to various narrators, he created a psychological mystery. Stoker used the same trick to heighten a fearful ignorance. Dracula incorporates telegrams, extracts from letters and diaries, the use of broken English and transliterated shorthand to build a crumbling Gothic tower of terror. And it leads up to the chilling climax: "Take the papers that are with this, the diaries of Harker and the rest, and read them, and then find the great Un-Dead, and cut off his head and burn his heart or drive a stake through it, so that the world may rest from him."

The world will never rest from Dracula, though most of us would be pushed to name more than a handful of virgins who have recently been troubled with nocturnal visits by the thirsty dead. But Dracula combines the irresistible themes of violent eroticism. vicarious terror and blood. The blood-red tears on those demon-eyes election advertisements drip directly down from Vlad the Impaler and his haunts deep in the

Carpathian Mountains of the mind. And Nigel de Gruchy's schoolboy howler adds to the stock of what the current film Ridicule calls English "hioumah". The film explores the malicious oneupmanship of aristo wits at the court of Louis XVI, as it gavotted towards the precipice. A fall at that dance of wits was a mortal loss of face. Banana-skin tripping up the pompous in silk hats is an old English joke. So it is sport to see the grouchy teachers' rep hoist in his own backyard. And those of us who scribble in the public arena of wit and humiliation thank our lucky stars that it was not us. And hope for mercy next time we commit Dead Sea Squirrels or write a headline such as: Scotland Yard squad helps dog bite victim." As the old Greek legislator might have put it. Errare est humanum.



"YOU'RE DEAD MEAT, HOGG"

A long shot at gunmen

The future, as someone once said, arrives on little cats' feet. Scrutinising each paw mark, we seldom ask where the cat is going. Eleven months after the Dun-blane massacre, the Firearms Bill returns to the Commons next week. The reforms took a battering in the Lords. The Commons will consider their fordships' amendments; they will consider afresh the Government's case for extending prohibitions on gun-ownership; they will reconsider an opportunistic Opposi-tion case for pushing them a little

They should raise their eyes from the paw marks. The case MPs should conder is not the Tories' proposals, th Opposition's objections, or the Lords' amendments. It is the case for a complete ban on the home ownership of all guns, including shotguns — and even rifles. That is the only destination of the reformers' argument, the only ground on which its logic finds any final rest.

This is no place to scrutinise the present state of play, which can be summarised in live short sentences. The Government proposed to outlaw the private ownership of all large calibre handguns, and require owners of small calibre weapons to store them securely in gun clubs. The Opposition would outlaw the private ownership of the latter, too. The Lords want to permit the home ownership of certain specially disabled handguns, and more compensation for those to whom the changes bring financial loss.

A handgun is a gun which can be fired with one hand. But why only guns that can be fired with one hand? That is the unarticulated question, the

"hush, Matilda," question, the "ask that again and you'll get a clip round the ear" question, the "sorry, I didn't hear that one; next question please . . . " question: the question too far.

But there is an answer to it. No rational grounds exist for stopping at handguns, but unless you draw the line there, you meet shotguns. More than half the guns legally owned in Britain are shotguns. Shotguns are the weapons which kill most of those who die by guns. More than a million shotguns are licensed, to some 650,000 people. And those are just the legal ones. Stolen shotguns are the sub-post mistress's nightmare. If you want a shotgun, rob a farmer; they keep them behind the door.

By contrast, the Government's pro-posals involve less than a fifth of all

I have no view on shotguns and rifles, but I have no doubt a ban will come

guns, and to these the Opposition would add only the 20 per cent of handguns which escape the Bill's prohibition. Nine-tenths of Britain's gun-owners can live with current Tory or Labour

The electoral calculation is simple: "taking action" against gun-ownership is vaguely popular among those without guns, but intensely unpopular with gunowners. You imperil their support, but will win only limited new support from the rest of us. So if your proposed measure is to bring net electoral gain, it is vital that those who lose from the measure are vastly outnumbered by those who have no

direct interest. Add shotgun-owners to the losers and, close to an election, you may alienate more votes than you gain. Home possession of shotgums is fiercely defended by the National Farmers

Union and the Country Landowners' Association; half a million votes could be lost from barming shotguns. And a general election is imminent. This is the reason, and the only reason, why, for the time being, politicians are not talking about shotguns.

Observe their embarrassment when they have to. In reserving any proposition for our special contempt, it is always encouraging to find Mr Jack Straw supporting it, and to discover what, with Mr Straw, passes for an argument in its favour. Here he is, explaining why shotguns should not be banned: "I do not believe that shotguns are in the same category as handguns. Shotguns are not manufactured to kill human beings, although I know that they can do so. Shotguns are used for what i regard as

legitimate sports ..." Shotguns, Mr Straw, are the chosen weapon for about half the gun-killings in Britain. "The majority of unlawful killings are domestic and involve the use of shorguns," said the Association of Chief Police Officers in December last year. In Scotland in 1993, of the offences in which the use of a firearm was alleged, 268 involved shorguns or rifles; 49 involved handguns. Further, most of those who shoot themselves choose a

Here (and arguing — note this — for gun-ownership) is Sir David Steel:
"What would have happened if, instead of using a handgun, Thomas Hamilton had sawn off both barrels of a shotgun, cut down the butt, concealed it about his person and then fired it on the children? He could have caused just about the same damage. Would the House now solemnly be deciding to ban the posses-

sion of shotguns?" Here is David Mellor. "If I were a licensed shotoup holder. I would pray to every god that I recognised that that would never happen, because if it did the

spotlight might shift." Here is Earl Attlee, no prohibitionist himself: "... But if Dunblane had been perpetrated with a shotgun I am sure that the minister would now be explaining how dangerous a shotgun was:

that it was used to kill living things while a handgun was only used for target practice . . . She might also describe the power and the size of a shotgun cartridge compared with that of a handgun. Shotguns are extremely dangerous weapons and it is pointless to have draconian rules for firearms while treating shotguns as toys."

ast week in New Zealand a man went berserk with a shotgun, attemped to kill 14 people, shot dead six people and wounded the rest. Sooner or later New Zealand will come to Britain.

There exist, of course, organisations to fight the shotgun and rifle owners' corner when the parliamentary battle commences. How ready are these with battery of fact and argument they need? Hopelessly unprepared. My responses from the British Field Sports Society, the Country Landowners' Association and the farmers' union this week suggest an army that will be routed wthin days.

They offer two arguments: recreation and hunting; and culling and pest control. It takes the brains of a gnat to see that in the wake of some ghastly

professional." But Kirker is un-

moved: "She made a personal at-

tack, defamed our organisation

and was personally vitriolic." In

the tradition of agony aunts, how-

ever, Atkins is philosophical: "I'm

not entirely surprised by their de-

Pillar & posts

TEARS fill Smith Square with

news that Alistair Cooke, for 20

years the intellectual pillar of Con-

servative Central Office, is to leave

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massacre, the arguments for recreation will be worse than useless. To start wittering about the joys of the pheasantshoot will sound like an insult to the dead. As for deer-culling or veterinary use, neither necessitates home-owner-

ship of guns.

The farmers' union will rely on the argument for pest control. This is weaker than is often assumed. The union claims that about 95 per cent of farmers own shotguns. It is true that many do, but my own straw poll in Derbyshire suggests that the figure may be half that, and that even those farmers who do own shotguns - though they would be furious to have them. and habit rather than necessity. Most farmers in most of the world throughout most of history have managed without guns. Farmer Giles may blast off at rabbits, crows and wood pigeons from time to time, but the shotgun is not and could not be the rural mainstay for con-

trolling these. The Snowdrop Campaign is boxing clever on shotgums. The last thing i wants is the countryside lobby ranged against the limited reform that it, for the moment, is seeking. Its representatives insist that the thought of banning anything more than handguns has never entered their heads. It will.

And when it does, count me out of the controversy, because the battle will be lost almost before it starts. Within four years, for-hunting will be banned. The home-ownership of shotguns will come next. Restricting rifles will come after that. Please do not write to me with arguments for or against any of these. I have no views on gun-ownership, be-yond the suspicion that the only people who should not be entrusted with a gun are those who really want one. The purpose of this article has not been to advance or resist change, but simply to

tell you where the paw marks lead.

Here, finally, is Tony Blair, on the
Firearms Bill: "Let the 30 per cent solution become the 100 per cent solution, and this Parliament will have done the will of the people." But this Bill is not the 80 per cent solution. It is the 9 per cent solution. Mr Blair's amendment is not the 100 per cent solution. It is the li per cent solution. Shotgun and rifle owners had better start praying to every god they and David Mellor recognise. The will of the people is a capricious thing, and arrives on little

Why was Heseltine so cross?

Deregulation is irrelevant, says

Tessa Blackstone

hen he finally leaves the political stage, Michael Heseltine may be missed rather more by the business community than by his Tory colleagues. This is what made last month's outburst at the launch of a report by some distinguished members of the community so surprising. He loudly are desired Proporting Propagating and the community so surprising. Fie totally condemned Promoting Prosperity and its authors, the Commission on Public Policy and British Business, based at the Institute for Public Policy Research. In doing so, he missed a golden opportunity to claim credit for some of the instrumentaries in the accessory which the improvements in the economy which the report documents. In his attack, he was a lone voice. The report's analysis and recommendations have been widely acknowledged in the press as significant contributions to a reassessment of

business policy.

This episode has taught me a lot about modern pre-election politics and the difficulties of having a genuine debate about policy in this country. Heseltine's scornful speech and furious comments to the press afterwards went beyond the bounds of rational, perhaps even sane, political behaviour. He clearly believed that his friends and contacts at the higher levels of industry should not even be seen talking to Tony Blair, let alone sharing a platform with him or producing a report endorsing some of Labour's

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ing a report endorsing some of Labour's commitments. And yet Mr Heseltine's greatest legacy will be one word that explains why so many business people admire him: competitiveness.

Having been at the launch and talked to the authors, I know that they were particularly gailed by Mr Heseltine's accusation that the report simply endorses Labour's programme. They are that the report's recommendations gue that the report's recommendations provide a challenge from the business community to both main political parties. It does recommend the introduction of a minimum wage and argues that Britain should accept the EU's social chapter, but the reasoning is measured, and the report also criticises a number of

other Labour policies. For example, aithough the report calls for reform of competition policy, it rejects two planned Labour changes: reversing the burden of proof in merger and Mergers Commission with the Office of Fair Trading, Responding to the report's criticisms, Tony Blair has announced the setting up of a panel to review Labour competition policy. Moreover the report's recommendations in areas such as corporate governance, education and training, and transport are farther-reaching than the Labour Party's current commitments. However, unlike Mr Heseltine Mr Blair is

prepared to discuss its analysis. fter the political doglight over the A report, it was clear uses a monoreport, it was clear that neither poly over policies to boost competitiveness. The business community now dearly believes that the Labour Party's ideas for a competitive Britain deserve to be heard. Not long ago, they would hardly have been given the time of day. Labour is concerned with prosperity for all of Britain's citizens prepared to take the opportunities offered to them, whereas, whatever their intentions, the Tories' policies promise ever greater prosperity for the few at the

expense of the many.

Mr Heseltine and his colleagues seem to think that further deregulation, particularly of the labour market, is the key to higher productivity and competitive ness. They may be right in believing that fear, whether of unemployment or wage cuts, effectively motivates people working in a sweatshop. But a commitment to improved education and training, decent minimum standards, a living wage and a voice for employees in the workplace are more effective in the long term for companies in a developed country. We will never be able to compete with developing countries on labour costs alone, especially as globalisation gathers pace. Our sights need to be set on the firmer ground of high value-added

goods and high-wage services. In a recent report, Peter Robinson in of the London School of Economics conclusively demonstrates that while extensive deregulation of the labour market is not responsible for the decline in British employment since 1993, it does explain much of the unwelcome increase in inequality since 1979. Inequality and prosperity are like oil and water, they do not mix. Further deregulation is not

The themes for future government policy suggested in Promoting Prosper ity are more uplifting as well as correct. The report argues that the government should aim to promote competition between British companies and cooperation within them; foster far-sighted management by improving relations between investors and management: improve skills; support small businesses and make policies more consistent. Government must provide a stable macroeconomic environment to enable British businesses to invest with

Although most of the report's authors would say that such a programme could be embraced by either of the main political parties, at the moment only the 101 Labour Party is really on the right wavelength. Labour's practical proposals for small business, unveiled this week, are a further demonstration of this. There is a dialogue between politicians and business, but at present

Chelsea has a harbour

silkily-clad toast of her father's presidential inaugural celebrations. Now she has been offered a place by Harvard University. Miss Clinton, however, is not committing herself just yet. Apparently she would prefer to go to Brown University, a smart establishment up in Rhode Island. This may be because her lather has his eye on a

might avoid a leaving party. It might give too many people the chance for revenge." White House.

mary of Tory policy positions. Having seen the likes of Chris Patten, Michael Portillo and Alan Harvard chair when he leaves the

Just murmur

FURY is turning to contempt among members of the Tory backbenchers' 1922 Committee, who have been told they will not be permitted to ask questions of Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he comes to address them next week. It is the first time anyone can remember such drastic measures being taken to protect a minister from his own side.

The guilty party is the committee's chairman, Sir Marcus Fox. who is widely felt to represent the Government to the backbenchers rather than vice versa.

For the backbenchers, most of them Eurosceptics who would love to sink their gnashers into Clarke, it is deeply frustrating. When Margaret Thatcher addressed the committee, no one dared ask questions. John Major answered, in his fashion, and it has always been possible for MPs at least to "make points" in the past.

With an election due, and the Chancellor being such a livewire. Clarke will speak for half an hour and then leave. This is doubtless on the advice of Mawhinney," says one MP of the party chair-man who addressed the 1992 the other night. "He got a terrible

mauling and probably passed the word on to Clarke."

Sir Marcus Fox, however, says: The purpose of the meeting is to hear from the minister, not to question him." Party democracy at

● Less than 24 hours after i reported the resignation of John Dux, managing director of Mohamed Al Fayed's publishing outfit, Andrew Neil had his feet under the desk. I am assured, however, that Neil has no designs



on Al Fayed's struggling magazine, Punch: "He's doing a day a week for the People's Trust, the charity Mohamed is involved in."

Island canary

A WARNING for those taking tea with the veteran Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktas: take your earplugs. Denktas's pet canary. the world's noisiest, sits in on all

The voluble bird makes for difficulties with tape-recorded interviews, but is at least an improvement on its predecessor, a parakeet, which Denktas gave the run of his spacious office. It would crawl up your legs and chew your notes," says one Western envoy. Most disconcerting. The cheekier it got, the broader the smile on Denktas's face."

Sports desk

COULD THE heady working atmosphere at The Spectator have given rise to a declaration of love? This week, the magazine carries a St Valentine's Day message which reads: "Bruce, There's more to stalking than deer. An admirer." Bruce Anderson, the magazine's admirably heavyweight political editor, who regularly heaves him-

Unhitched DISHARMONY has hit a conference on marriage this weekend after one guest speaker flounced off because he cannot tolerate another. Richard Kirker of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement refuses to appear on the same platform as Anne Atkins, agony aunt at The Daily Telegraph, who criticised gay sex on Radio 4's

was out to lunch yesterday when I

called. But he will be delighted to

learn that the whispers about the

message centre on Kimberley For-

tier. The Speciator's head-turning

publisher, who has just taken up

country sports.

Thought for the Day.

Demos, the think-tank organising the conference, is appalled: "I feel that we are being censored. self about Scotland's deer forests are heine ourrageously un-

This is proving a good year for Chelsea Clinton, First, she was the

only one side of the political divide is taking part.

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A KOREAN GLIMPSE

One man who can unlock the window into Pyongyang

To China's evident embarrassment and annoyance, events have conspired to turn Hwang Jang Yop, the most senior North Korean official ever to defect, into the hero of a Cold War thriller. Mr Hwang, an intimate of the Kim dynasty and member of the central committee of North Korea's Workers' Party, slipped into the South Korean Embassy in Beijing on his way home from a seminar in Japan on juche, the ruinous Kim Il Sung doctrine of socialist self-reliance which he helped to invent. Implausibly but unsurprisingly, North Korea insists that he was kidnapped. South Korea protests that North Korean diplomats, who are lurking in cars around the compound, have tried to

break into the compound to grab him back. As a result of all this, China has the world's spotlight on it as it decides which of the Koreas to offend, its destitute old Communist ally or the valued investor and trading partner to the south. It would be understandable if it played for time; but it should then, on geopolitical allow Mr Hwang to leave for Seoul. As a trusted insider in North Korea's tiny and intensely secretive inner circle, he has vital intelligence about one of the world's most paranoid, heavily-armed, belligerent and

unpredictable nations. Mr Hwang may or may not have fled a power struggle at the top; even if he has not, the atmosphere of suspicion his defection will engender could be enough to unleash one. Lacking firm evidence either way, Pyongyang watchers are fairly evenly divided as to whether Kim Jong II, whose waxing personality cult has yet to be matched by his official confirmation in the posts held by his father, is firmly in control. Opinion is also divided as to whether North Korea is still bent on turning South Korea, in the words of its own propaganda, into "a

domestic reforms and a more reasonable diplomatic posture are to be taken seriously. Is North Korea close to uncontrollable

starvation, as aid agencies claim and America is inclined to believe, or are the military sitting on huge grain stockpiles? Above all, is it deceiving Washington, which has taken a calculated and expensive risk that Pyongyang can be bribed into renouncing its nuclear weapons programme? On all these questions. Mr Hwang is in a position

to give the most authoritative account. This week, the United States responded to an international appeal with the promise of more food aid to avert "instability". There is no doubt that ordinary North Koreans are desperately hungry; but stabilising the regime that has reduced them to boiling grass is not obviously a solution. Since 1994, America has poured aid into North Korea -\$27 million worth of heavy fuel oil, \$18 million to secure weapons-grade nuclear material from misuse, \$8.4 million in food aid as well as this week's pledge of as much again, and even a \$2 million bribe for cooperation in recovering the remains of America's Korean War dead.

Against this aid, set an estimated \$89 million that the regime has spent on embalming and housing the body of Kim II Sung and the \$130 million the Dear Leader, his son, has spent on beautifying his official residence. North Korea excels in two areas only - the arts of extorting money from others, first the Soviet Union and China and now the West, and those of military and diplomatic blackmail. There has been no lasting diplomatic return for America's largesse. Before shipping another grain, the US should debrief Mr Hwang. It should then look again at its Korea policy and ask what strategic advantage resides in so seeking to keep this despotic, cruel and

Germany and France amongst others) suffer few, if any, depredations to their heritage due to smuggling. It is those countries (Italy and Greece in particular) which persist in adopting over-restrictive bureaucratic regulations that are the worst affected. Many of these countries are already

From Mr J. W. Sutherland

From Mr Patrick Matthiesen

quities (report, February 12).

Sir, May I comment on the plans an-

nounced by Lord Renfrew of Kaims-

thorn, in the wake of the Sotheby's re-

velations, for setting up a research centre to fight the illicit trade in anti-

Everybody must deprecate the

wholesale looting of archaeological

sites, whether from European "digs" or Asian temple complexes. In 1990,

while the Khmer Rouge was still ac-

tive in the Angkor Wat area, I witnes-

sed the wholesale depredation of sev-

eral outlying monuments and was amazed to find a large stone head

weighing a ton turning up on the

Dutch art market only six weeks later.

when the integrity of the site is com-

promised and the country of origin's

heritage is prejudiced, is unaccept-able. Auction rooms should take strict

steps to place a check on the recircula-

tion of looted or stolen goods through

However, unreasonable restrictions

on the circulation of private property

between member states of the EU are

quite another matter. One of the ob-

jectives of the EU was the free circula-

tion of goods. Various attempts at

grasping this thorny nettle, where it relates to cultural goods, have failed

conspicuously. It is this failure which

It is not unreasonable for a private

individual to seek to realise the best

possible market price for his legiti-mate possessions: after all, the right to

hold and dispose of property is one of

the basic precepts of a free country.

Those countries which have realistic

export licensing regulations (Britain,

financially strained in attempting to

continues to lead to abuse.

their rooms.

Clearly this form of looting for gain,

'Unjust' restrictions on free movement of art treasures protect or preserve their heritage in merit or monetary value, are subject the public domain, yet continue to in-sist on attempting to control addition-

al works, often of marginal interest, in the private sector. Italy, over the last decade, has imported a far greater number of Old Master paintings than has been exported (either legally or illegally). Italian clients have been amongst the most voracious art buyers in Europe. Consequently the Italian cultural pat-rimony has been increased (though

seen the benefit of all the VAT to which it might feel itself entitled). It is only by adopting a more open-handed and reasonable export licensing procedure, with a formula for purchasing goods on presentation for ex-port and at their declared value, that

possibly the Italian Treasury has not

the clandestine trade in works of art will diminish. The present Italian system, as operated since 1974, amounts to little more than the expropriation of between 30 per cent and 60 per cent of the value of privately owned goods which have been officially submitted for export, by means of restricting them to the local market or, worse,

whole raft of additional restrictions. Spain in particular has understood this and is now operating a far more flexible export licensing procedure.

listing them, thus subjecting them to a

Yours faithfully, PATRICK MATTHIESEN (Director), The Matthiesen Gallery,

7-8 Mason's Yard, Duke Street, SWI. February 12.

From Mr Stephen Rossi

Sir, The English should be reminded that Italian laws regulating the export of paintings from Italy were largely formulated in 1918 and revised by Mussolini's Fascist Government in 1939. They have not been modified

All Italian works of art more than 50 years old, regardless of aesthetic to these laws. This includes those legitimately in the hands of private individuals. Every work intended for export must be reviewed by the Ministry of Culture and granted a licence. This applies to the removal of works

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to EU member nations. Works not granted export licences are listed as objects of national heritage and can be expropriated by the State at the declared export value. The effect of these laws is to impose severe restrictions on the free circulation of this particular type of private property.

Except for works of art that clearly form part of Britain's cultural identity, it is doubtful that citizens of this country would tolerate the sort of regime applied in Italy. In fact, the Italians themselves have little tolerance of their "art" laws and they express it by ignoring them.

Yours sincerely STEPHEN ROSSI. 15 Meadowbrook Road, Dorking, Surrey. February 12.

From Mr Frank Dux

Sir, On February 7 you reported that among the issues which Sir Hugh Leggatt, a former member of the Museums and Galleries Commission, wants explored is "the practice of dealers and auctioneers taking commission from both buyer and seller".

May I point out that it is only auctioneers who take double commission: one from the vendor and another from the buyer - a surcharge they call the buyer's premium.

Dealers do not surcharge their goods. Indeed, many of them consider the buyer's premium an abuse of the auctioneer's position — and that its le-gality is doubtful.

Yours sincerely, FRANK DUX, Frank Dux Antiques, 33 Belvedere, Bath, Somerset. February 10.

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The British Vintage Wireless Society visited Great Baddow during an

international meeting in 1989. Mem-

bers regarded it as the high spot of the

three-day event, affording significant

kudos to the Marconi Company and

indeed to the United Kingdom.

From Professor Peter Day, FRS, Director of the Royal Institution

Sir, Writing about the proposed dis-

persal of the Marconi archive by

GEC-Marconi Limited, Mr Bernard

Kaukas (letter, February 12) perpetu-

ates a most unfortunate misconcep-

tion: in fact the Royal Institution is

already privatised, as it has been since

Therefore our custodianship of Fa-

raday's coils and Davy's miners' lamps, to which Mr Kaukas refers

and of which we are very proud, at-

tracts no public subvention whatso-

ever. The cost of keeping a roof over

the remarkable archive and the scien-

tific memorabilia housed here falls on

the Royal Institution's own resources.

Apart from support from our mem-

bers, those resources come from spon-

sorship and the gifts of well wishers.

Mr Kaukas's question: if an organis-

ation such as the Royal Institution can

manage to conserve its share of our

scientific heritage, why should not a

large company, with very much great-

The Royal Institution of Great Britain,

er resources, do the same?

PETER DAY, Director.

21 Albemarle Street, WI.

Yours faithfully

February 12.

Still, one is left with the substance of

Yours faithfully,

PATRICK LEGGATT,

28 High Park Road,

Farnham, Surrey.

of Great Britain

it was founded in 1799.

February 10.

ine students of wireless history.

sea of fire", or whether its spasmodic hints at irresponsible regime from its hour of truth.

Labour takes another crack at Conservative morale

DAY OF THE COW

Behind the catcalls in the Commons yesterday lies a happy coincidence of strategy and tactics for Labour. Strategically it makes sense to attack the Government for its clear failure in the BSE crisis. Tactically, it happens that the Ulster Unionists, whose votes are necessary to the Conservative whips, represent constituencies that have been badly hit by the beef ban.

Ministers may properly describe Labour's vote of censure on Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, as opportunistic. Oppositions, on the few days in the year allocated to them for debate, are normally supposed to seek embarrassment for the governing party. Parliament was not invented to be a prop or cheerleader to the Government. It is meant to be a check on the executive. And there are few sorrier tales of executive inadequacy in this Parliament than that of "mad cow" disease.

Yesterday Tony Blair asked John Maior to confirm four questions: was it true that no part of the beef ban had been lifted; that no cow had yet been culled under the selective slaughter scheme; that no proposal had even been put to the European Commission about exempting BSE-free herds in Scotland and Northern Ireland from the ban; and that BSE had so far cost the taxpayer £3.3 billion? The Prime Minister preferred to insult Mr Blair than to answer him. Only when pressed again did he confirm just one of the

four claims: the size of the bill. If Prime Minister's Questions were the committal proceedings on BSE, they proved that the Government had a clear case to answer. Over the past ten years, its record on beef has been lamentable. When the rules designed to prevent infection of human beings were introduced in 1986, they were not properly enforced; thus infected meat made its way into the food chain. When the

possible link between BSE and Creutzfeld-Ĵakob disease was confirmed last year, Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, insisted that British beef was perfectly safe while his colleague, Mr Hogg, talked of culling every British cow. Since then, we have seen a halt to all co-operation in Europe; this too achieved nothing. The Prime Minister came back from Florence last summer claiming that the ban would be lifted by November. It was not.

In less febrile times, this would be purely a matter of competence in government - or in this case, the lack of it. But these last weeks of a parliamentary term are different. However well or badly Mr Hogg acquits himself on Monday, the vote will be divided strictly down party lines. The Ulster Unionists are unlikely to vote with the Tories, but they may well abstain, which would be tantamount to ensuring a government victory. If they voted with the opposition parties, the result would depend on the efficiency of both sides' whips. Assuming every single MP attended, there would be a dead heat, with the Speaker casting her vote for the Government.

Labour is therefore highly unlikely to defeat the Tories on Monday. The party would probably even prefer not to. If it won. it would have to hold a subsequent vote of confidence, in which the Government would presumably gain some boost to Conservarive morale. But that morale is flagging fast. With each week that passes without the Tories recovering their popularity, the prospects of a Labour victory look greater. Even if the Conservatives win on Monday, the spectacle of a close vote will add to the impression of a Government in a shambles and on the defensive. The party looks and acts as if it is under siege. That is no way to hold on to power.

THE BROADEST CHURCH

Dispute at St Paul's Cathedral reflects wider dissent

An ungodly row is raging at St Paul's Cathedral over the appointment of the Rev Lucy Winkett, its first female priest. Her conservative colleagues are on the warpath; the Rev John Halliburton, a distinctly loose canon, has declared that, while having nothing against women", he cannot accept her authority and will not attend her services.

For all the bluster it should be relatively easy to fashion a compromise. The selection of Miss Winkett was inevitably contentious for a cathedral that has yet to introduce women choristers, never mind female clerics. There are more than enough resident male canons and visiting preachers at St Paul's for those traditionalists who feel they cannot in conscience accept Communion from Miss Winkett. To that degree the whole affair is more symbolic than substantive.

This row is, however, a reflection of the continued division that still besets the Church on the issue. Anglican authorities chose their path four years ago. St Paul's cannot exempt itself from it. On the whole the change has worked better than many then feared. Although Church attendance did show a disturbing drop in 1995, dire predictions that perhaps one third of Anglicans would flee their faith have not

been vindicated. One further encouraging sign is the muchneeded increase in the numbers, of both needed and a professional and a sexes, who have decision was made. Miss elsewhere, the first route should be followed.

Winkett personifies that trend. Indeed she comes with the sort of background -Oxbridge and the Royal College of Music that was once regularly recruited into the Church but has recently been a rarity.

This degree of unity has only been secured by sensitivity towards those who could not support the ordination of women. Imaginative inventions such as the "flying bishop" have kept aboard many who might otherwise have departed. Traditionalist concerns will have been sharpened this week, however, by the publication of The Church of England Year Book 1997. In its opening pages, Dr David Edwards, Provost Emeritus of Southwark and a leading liberal, argues that there will not be a "very long future" for those opposed to women priests. Their numbers, he said, might diminish to the point where the Church should "review the arrangements" such as flying bishops designed to reconcile traditionalists.

This is not an approach that will do much for Anglicanism. The Church must continue to make means by which those like Miss Winkett can be brought in without forcing others like Canon Halliburton out. Nor should recent innovations, described by Dr Edwards as "anomalous", be seen as shortterm expedients before conservatives see the error of their ways or are shown the exit. The Church of England can be a broad church or

From Professor P. D. A. Harvey, Chairman of the British Records

Practical chances of preserving Marconi archive intact

Sir, I am encouraged by the statement in Sir Geoffrey Panie's letter (February 12) that GEC-Marconi "are in discussions with certain interested parties" on "the question of keeping the [Marconi] archive together" and that "we shall be more delighted than anybody if this can be achieved. This

There is a possible way forward through arrangements for the collection to be be acquired, housed, displayed and conserved in Chelmsford, where most of Guglielmo Marconi's pioneering work was done, under the joint auspices of Chelmsford and Essex councils. Alternatively, as Sir Geoffrey indicates, the Science Museum could retain its items on loan from the company, augmented by the items in the collection at Great Baddow. Either of these options would, as is proper, conform with the wishes of Elettra Marconi, the daughter of the founder, as expressed in her letter of

February 10. The Marconi centenary initiative of setting aside a million pounds for a special programme including "Marconi Days" for teachers, to be administered by the Institution of Electrical Engineers, should be applauded. It continues the policy of investment in education and training which has characterised Marconi for many decades, through Marconi College, and within individual parts of the com-

This is an important initiative, with long-term benefits for both Marconi and the industry at large, but it should surely be funded from normal training budgets, if necessary at a higher priority than other schemes. It cannot justify the dispersal of the unique and historic Marconi archive.

Yours faithfully, JOHN SUTHERLAND, 69 Stow Road. Stow-cum-Quy, Cambridge. February 12,

Tricked on TV

From the Chief Executive

Sir, In her critique of our satire, Brass

Eye ("Brassy but not bold", February
11) Libby Purves's scueamishness at

the duping of some public figures and

celebrities in the programmes has

The series highlights how easily

some people who command media at-

tention can be persuaded to endorse a

cause (however preposterous in this

case) without even attempting to make the most rudimentary check. If, as a

result of Brass Eye, such people exer-

cise proper caution in future before

allowing themselves to be used in this

way, then Chris Morris, the creator of

the series, has performed a public

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive,

February 12.

MICHAEL GRADE,

Channel Four Television,

124 Horseferry Road, SW1.

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of Channel 4 Television

Association

Sir, No one could question the good intentions of Sir Geoffrey Pattie in his plans for the early archives of the Marconi company. However, having sought expert opinion on the archives' condition, it is a pity he did not seek it told him, unanimously, that at all costs the papers - and the objects too - should be kept together, and could have suggested various strategies for achieving this. As it is Christies are apparently proposing to sell them in

several hundred separate lots. To split up an integral archive in this way is like preserving a set of table silver by selling each fork and spoon separately: its function - its historical value - is all but destroyed. As Dr T. C. H. Going points out (letter, February 5) it is only two months since you allowed me to explain this in connection with the Brunel papers. It is appalling that the same fate should so soon threaten another archive of great historical and scientific importance.

Yours faithfully. PAUL D. A. HARVEY, Chairman. British Records Association, Lyndhurst, Farnley Hey Road, Durham.

February 12. From Mr Patrick Leggatt

Sir, We must be grateful to The Times for giving good coverage to the pro-posed sell-off of the Marconi archive collection.

Over the past ten years the collection housed at Great Baddow near Cheimsford, has been excellently arranged and tended, first by the late archivist Betty Hance and then by Roy Rodwell, recently retired. While not open to the general public, both the equipment and the written archives

From Mr Danny Connolley

Sir, On February 7, under the heading "Brazil nuts 'best way to protect nation's health'" you summarise a report in the British Medical Journal, including its claim that Brazil nuts are a rich natural source of selenium, a trace element which some scientists claim can bring back youthful vigour.

This is true only if the soil in which the nuts are grown is also rich in ation in selenium content of individ-

Pylon plea

Sir, Let us hope that the National Her-

Sport letters, page 49 A wholehearted response to this co-herent and timely challenge would Letters for publication may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

Nuts from Brazil

selenium. In a study published in 1989 Vournal of Food Safety, 9, 279-81) C. L. Secor described considerable vari-

ual Brazil nuts. For example, each Brazil nut sold in Britain in the shell is grown in the jungle area and contains around 100 micrograms of selenium. Shelled Brazil nuts are exported from a different area, where the soil is poor, and only contain 12-25 micrograms per nut.

To obtain the same amount of selenium one would have to stomach un to eight times as many shelled nuts as unshelled nuts.

From Mr Jim Symington

itage Secretary will take note of Robert Worcester's inspired plea (article, February 8) that the lottery fund should both mark the millennium and touch the daily lives of us all, by contributing substantially towards the costs of the removal of every pylon from our landscape.

display the capacity of the best of 20thcentury technology to the full. FurDANNY CONNOLLEY. 4 Woburn Mansions. Torrington Place, WCl. February 8.

utilities to reverse the continual damage which has been done to our environment by their industry since the

ther, this proposal offers a stunning

opportunity for the privatised power

Let them join with the Millennium Fund and demonstrate a tangible commitment to a clean Britain in the new century ahead.

JIM SYMINGTON, Il Twin Cottages. Upper Stoneham. Uckfield Road, Lewes, Sussex. February 9.

Yours faithfully,

Early exponents of product placement

From Mr Henry Button

Sir. A shoe firm is suing a film-maker "for leaving out a scene shot at the company's expense as a thinly dis-guised advertisement" (report, February 10). This procedure is now known as product placement. When

did it begin?
In 1763 the German dramatist, Gotthold Ephraim Lessing, introduced a scene into his play, Minna von Barnhelm, in which one of the characters, the landlord of an inn, recommends a customer to try a glass of Danzig Goldwasser liqueur. The liqueur was first made, in Danzig, in 1598 and is still made, but not in

Danzig. Did someone suggest to Miss Austen that a mention of Emma's Broadwood pianoforte might boost the sales of that instrument? In Pickwick Papers Charles Dickens pointed out that Sam Weller, when cleaning boots and shoes at the White Hart, used

Day & Martin's polish.
In a different field of activity, one wonders whether Manet was properly compensated for placing two bottles of Bass, with their distinctive red triangle, in his picture of the bar at the Folies-Bergere.

Yours faithfully, HENRY BUTTON, 7 Amhurst Court, Grange Road, Cambridge. February 11.

Sathya Sai Baba

From Professor Keith B. Critchlow

Sir, Many of Christopher Thomas's disparaging references to Sathya Sai Baba, the Indian spiritual leader visited recently by the Duchess of York (report, January 31), emanate from the Indian Rationalists Association - hardly an impartial body. They insult the most influential holy man in India today.

Three quarters of a million people turned up at Sathya Sai Baba's ashram to celebrate his 71st birthday last November, and there are clear, concise and much reprinted scientific reports of the investigations that have been conducted into the authenticity

of his personal powers. There are strict rules in his worldwide organisation that ban the function of fundraising among his followers, and the finances which he has donated to build an immense speciality hospital (which I and other British architects and engineers had lege of d vising) at Puttaparthi, south of Bangalore, were direct donations specifically for the project from grateful individual donors.

The schools, colleges and university founded by Sathya Šai Baba in Andhra Pradesh, many of them where none existed before, all contradict the negative comments by the Indian Rationalists Association. Neither the students at these establishments nor the patients at Puttaparthi hospital pay any fees whatsoever.

KEITH CRITCHLOW, 2 Larkhall Lane, SW4. January 31.

Cambridge dance

From Mr Steven Wooding

Sir. Contrary to Queens' College's assertion that "there is no dance in the university" of Cambridge (report, early editions, February 6), the Cambridge Dancers' Club is one of the largest university societies, with an annual membership of over 1,800. We run over 38 hours of classes a week teaching styles ranging, from ballroom to rock 'n' roll, Latin American to stage dance. The club also supports three dance teams which compete nationally in student competitions.

Yours sincerely. STEVEN WOODING President. Cambridge Dancers' Club, 1994-95), Trinity Hall, Cambridge. February II.

Foot in mouth

From Mr Chris Martin

Sir, "You can't play Total Football," Howard Wilkinson, the new technical director of the Football Association, says, 'if you can't all handle the hall' ' ("The state of the game", Sport, February 4).

Are we sure we have the right technical director?

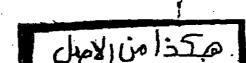
Yours faithfully, CHRIS MARTIN, 189 Landells Road, SE22

Top salaries freeze

From Mr Stanley Brodie, QC. and other QCs

Sir. As three of his devoted colleagues, we entirely agree with Lord Lester of Herne Hill, QC (letter, today), that he should pay much more income tax. But he alone should pay this tax. As a consequence he will have to work harder and be left with less time to write misguided letters to The Times.

Yours faithfully, STANLEY BRODIE DAVID HUNT, JONATHAN HARVIE, 2 Hare Court, Temple, EC4. February 12



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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 13: The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh. this morning presented The Queen's Anniversary Prizes for Higher and Further Education at Buckingham Palace and afterwards Her Majesty and His Royal Highness gave a Reception.
The Princess Royal and The

Duke of Kent were present. The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron. the Welsh Cricket Association, this Marriott Hotel, Swansea, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Glamorgan (Mr Robert Hastie).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 13: The Duke of York this morning visited Brades School and Shelter, Brades Estate, Montserrat. His Royal Highness afterwards

toured the Government Emer-gency Housing Scheme, Sweeney's The Duke of York later visited

Glendon Hospital, St John's.
His Royal Highness afterwards
visited the Emergency Support Unit, St John's.

The Duke of York today inaugurated the Cable and Wireless microwave link between Montserrat and the United Kingdom. His Royal Highness this after-noon met staff and residents at the Red Cross Shelter for the elderly.

Cavalla Hill. The Duke of York afterwards visited the Emergency Jetty

Project Little Bay.
His Royal Highness later departed Montserrat for Antigua. BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 13: The Princess Royal, Chancellor, University of London,

this afternoon attended the Presentation Ceremony at the Barbican Centre, London EC2. bican Centre. London ECZ.
Her Royal Highness, Chan-cellor, University of London, this evening attended a Reception for external students at the Senate House, Malet Street, London WCL.

YORK HOUSE February 13: The Duke of Kent. Colonel, Scots Guards, this afternoon received Lieutenant-Colonel John Stewart on assuming command of the 1st Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel Archibald Miller-Bakewell on relinquishing

His Royal Highness, as guest of honour, The Queen's Anniversary Prizes for Higher and Further Education, attended a dinner at Guildhall, London EC2.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE February 13: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy and attended by the Lady Mary Mumford, left Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon to carry out official engagements in Hong Kong.
On arrival at the Airport, Her

Royal Highness was received by Sir David Ford (Hong Kong Commissioner in London). Sir Roger Hervey (Special Repre-sentative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), Mrs Valerie Scoular (British Airways Director of Customer Service) and Mrs Elizabeth Lowe (Special Facilities Officer, Heathrow Airport Limited).

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Mrs Christian Adams to be a Woman of the Bedchamber (Temporary) to Her

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron of the Outward Bound Trust, will attend the general council at the Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon, Warwickshire, at 10.25.

The Princess Royal, as President of The Princess Royal, as President of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will open Manchester Carers Centre, Beswick House, Beswick Row, Manchester, at 11/40; and will visit Unipack to open the new pharmaceutical facility at Westhoughton, Bolton, at ity at Westhoughton, Bolton, at 1.25.

Appointment

Independent Schools Joint

appointed General Secretary of ISJC from September 1, 1997, in succession to Dr Arthur Panten, MP, Mr Hearnden, OBE, who is retiring.

Memorial service Mr David George Crichton

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr David George Crichton, former British Consul-General at Nice, was held yesterday at Mary's, Battersea. The Rev Dr Timothy Gaden officiated and Mr Charles Crichton, son, read a

prayer.
Miss Charlotte Ernest Crichton. granddaughter, gave a reading and Mr Adrian Crichton, son, paid pribute.

University news

Harris Manchester College The following have been elected as Honorary Fellows:

Sir Anthony Kenny, Lord Harris of Peckham, Lady Harris, the Hon Peter Harris, the Right Hon John Patten, MP, Mr Douglas Hutchin-

Birthdays today

The Prince of Liechtenstein celebrates his 52nd birthday today. The Right Rev Peter Ball, former Bishop of Gloucester, and his twin Ball, Bishop of Truro, 65; Mr John Butterfill, MP, 56; Sir John Clark, former chairman, The Plessey Company, 71; Professor Evelyn Ebsworth, Vice-Chancellor, Durham University, 64; Sir Arnold Elton, consultant surgeon, 77; Sir Jack Hibbert, former director, Central Statistical Office, 65; Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, former chairman, Allied-Lyons, 74; Miss K.M. Jenkins, former director of personnel, Royal Mail, 52; Mr Kevin Keegan, former football manager, 46: Mr John MacGregor, MP, 60; Miss Manuela Maleeva, tennis player 30; Countess Mounthatten Burma, 73; Mr Alan Parker, film director, 53; the Hon Hanning Philipps, former Lord-Lieutenant of Dyfed, 93: Lord Rossmore, 66; Mr Michael Rudman, theatre director and producer, 5% Sir Albert Skoman, former Vice-Chancellor. Essex University, 76; Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chairman, English Heritage, 65; Mr A. W. H. Stewart-Moore, former chairman. Gallaher, 82; Lord Wilson of Tillyorn, 62; Mrs Margaret Wright, former chief commissigner, The Guide Association. S5.

Receptions

Prime Minister The Prime Minister was the host at a reception held yesterday evening at 10 Downing Street for the Health Service.

Saddlers' Company Mr Will Price, Master of the Saddlers' Company, presented prizes to the winners in the Society of Master Saddlers' annual saddiery competition at a reception held last night at Saddlers' Hall.

The winners were:
Class 1 and best in competition. Ms
Lucy Batchelor, Class 2. Mr Michael
Pegg. Class 3. Mr Neal Gardiner,
Class 6. Ms Kirsy Orby, Class 7, Mr
John McDonald and Class 8. Ms
Karen Schlotter. The London Institu

Mr Julian E. Markham, Chair-man of the London Institute, and Sir William Stubbs, Rector, were Sir William Shibbs, Rector, were the hosts at receptions held on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Institute's Gallery at 65 Davies Street, London WI, to launch the Institute's Annual Report. The guests included: Ambassadors, Members of Parliament and leading figures from the worlds of business, education and art and

design.

The guests also had the opportu-The guests also had the opportu-nity to preview Foundations For Fame — an exhibition which includes work by eight distin-guished former students: Mr Ste-phen Farthing, Mr Demail Forrester, Miss Nicola Hicks, Mr Zebedee Jones, Mr Mike Leigh, Mr Ray Markey, Mr Julian Opie and Mr Ben Panting.

Luncheons

American Chamber of

Commerce (UK) Sir Brian Goswell, President of the American Chamber of Commerce (UK), was in the chair at a luncheon held yesterday at One Whitehall Place in honour of Lord Saatchi.

Tallow Chandlers' Company Mr C.A. Holborow, Master of the Tallow Chandlers' Company, presented the company's awards to City and Guilds Vocational Edu-cation Students at a luncheon held yesterday at Tallow Chandlers' Hall Miss Prue Leith also spoke.

Service dinner

RN College Greenwich Commander J.M.C. Maughan, Commander of the Royal Naval College Greenwich, presided at a ladies guest night dinner held last night at the college. Mr Andrew Sachs, accompanied by Mrs Sachs, was the principal guest.

Dinners

Fruiterers' Company Alderman Sir Christopher Collett, Representative Lord Mayor, accompanied by Lady Collett, atrended the annual dinner of the Fruiterers' Company held last

Mr Derek Tullett, Master, presided, assisted by the Wardens, and presented the Matthew Mack award for training within the fruit industry to Mr E.H. Worraker, honorary freeman. Mr R A Arnold and Mr D Mack also spoke. Prince Khaled al-Sabah, the Ambassador of the Netherlands, the Dean of St Paul's, Mr Justice Bennett and Mr Y. Matsuo of the Embassy of Japan were among the guests.

City and Guilds College

Mr Michael Jeffries was the guest of honour and principal speaker at the annual dinner of the City and Guilds College Association held fast night at Skinners' Hall. Mr Bryan Spooner presided. Lord Ironside also spoke.

Church in Wales

Diocese of Llandaff The Rev Robert Emlyn Davies, Vicar of Cwmparc, to be Vicar of



Jennifer Hirsch, a student in the tropical section at Kew, with a cymbidium hybrid

Kew celebrates with orchids

Eburneum, a moth-pollinated or-

chid with white, green-spurred flowers, can be seen in the tropical

This section features many rare

species such as the diminutive red

section of the conservatory.

By Alan Toogood HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE annual Kew Orchid Festival, which opens today, is a lavish display of more than 3,000 plants. But it also serves to highlight the orchid conservation work in various parts of the world undertaken by the Royal Botanic Gardens. Kew is currently helping to protect the unique wild orchids of Madagascar which are under threat from illegal collecting and habitat damage. The Orchid Unit is propagating plants from seed donated by Madagascar and

returning seedlings to that country. They are initially being grown but it is hoped that flowers will be returned to the wild and also produced commercially for sale to ollectors worldwide, thereby reducing collecting in the wild.

Church news

The Rev Dr Anne Dawny, Assis-

tant Curate, Parkstone St Peter w Branksea and St Osmund Team

Ministry: to be Chaplain to Bournemouth University and

Poole College of Art and Design

(Salisbury). The Rev Edward Dixon, Chaplain,

HM Prison, Durham (Durham); to be Chaplain, HM Prison, Acklington (Newcastle). The Rev Robert Dixon, Priest-in-

charge, Holy Trinity. Southwick:

A number of Madagascan or-chids will be on view during the course of the lestival, the main displays of which are in the Princess of Wales Conservatory. The Madagascan Angraecum

species such as the diminutive red flowered Phragmipedium Besseae from Ecuador plus flamboyani cattleya, phalaenopsis and oncid-ium hybrids, and not forgetting a large rampant specimen of the vanilla orchid (the source of vanilla flavouring) which is carry-ing seed pods and promises to flower again during the festival. Another display in the tropical

section shows how orchids have adapted to their environment. Some epithytic orchids produce aerial roots which absorb moisture from the atmosphere; others nutrients and water, or have reduced leaves to enable them to combat drought.

The floral display area of the conservatory contr ins the main selection of orchid hybrids. Here yellow and brown oncidiums are creating a bright splash of colour among the pastel shades of cymbidiums, phalaenopsis (moth orchids) and miltonias.

to be Rector of that benefice

The Rev Fiona Eltringham, Chap

lain to HM Young Offender In-stitution, Castington, Northum-berland (Newcastle): to be Chaplain, HM Prison, Durham

The Rev Malcoim Fenwick, Vicar,

Riding Mill. Priest-in-charge, Whittonstall, and Rural Dean of

Corbridge (Newcastle): now also an Honorary Canon of Newcastle

The Rev William Girard, Rector,

beloved wife of James, mustowed mother and mother-blaw of Julia and David Service and cremation. Hutcliffe Wor Cramstordum, Sheffield Wor Cramstordum, Sheffield Wor Cramstordum, Sheffield World James Committee for Luke's Hospies may be no Athrol Dunkam & Son I to Athrol Dunkam & Son I

to Affred Dunham & Son Ltd. Funeral Directors, 56 Suspen Hill Lame, Dronfield, Sheffield \$18 6LG (tel: 01246 290205).

MALICE - Cecil Maurice (Rill-johnnie to his collegues at Shell). Died at home on Sth February aged 37. Zeloved husband of Leslie, dear father of Elistice and Suphania, father in-law of Clustes and Rear and wall

Stephanie, father in law of Charles and Peter and such loved grandpa of Helen, Andrew, Isin, Jamie and

Balsham, Priest-in-charge West Wickham, and Rural Dean of Linton (Ely): to be also an Honorary Canon of Ely Cathedral. The Rev Michael Hampel, Assistant Curate, united benefice of Whitworth w Spentymoor, to be Minor Canon, Precentor, and Sacrist at Durham Cathedral

The cool temperate section also

features fine displays of hybrid orchids plus a fascinating collec-

orchids plus a lascinating conce-tion of small species housed in a display case. These include the Australian Dendrobium Spec-iosum with sprays of yellow flowers and Pterostylis Hildne with green and white hooded flowers which temporarily trap small insects for the purpose of

Displays of flower arrangements consisting mainly of orchid blooms can be seen in the Water

Lily House from February 22 until

March 16. They will be staged by the Sturry (Kent) area of the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies. There is

also a new exhibition of orchid art in the Kew Gardens Gallery.

Botanic Gardens, Kew, west

London, runs from today until

March 31. Entrance is tree after

admission to the gardens, which are open from 9.30 am to 5pm daily. (Glasshouses close at 4.45 pm). For information on festival courses and lectures, telephone

0181 332 5626, and for guided

tours, 0181 332 5633.

The festival, at the

(Durhant) The Rev Adrian Hughes, Vicar, St. Mary's, Belford, St. Hilda's, Lucker, and St. Maurice. Ellingham: to be also Rural Dean of Bamburgh and Glendale

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.F. Dobbs

The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Sir

and Miss H.J.R. Taylor

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late Mr Brian Baines and of Mrs Baines, of Scarcroft, Yorkshire, and Hermione, eldest daughter of Captain and Mrs Stephen Taylor, of Rogate, West Sussex.

Mr T.C. Briggs and Ms A.J. Gabriel

and Anna Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian McEyoy, of Wraxall, North Somerset.

The engagement is armounced between Simon, youngest son of Mrs Jean Cattell and the late Mr George Cattell, of Kent, and Sarah

and Miss L.V. Ben and Miss L.V. Bengana.

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr. Michael Cross, of Hove, East Sussex, and Mrs Jill Cross, of

Mr J.H.B. de Vivenot

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr Francis

Cantain H.T.F. Dobbie, REME, and Captain V.A. Gayer, RADC The engagement is announced between Hamish, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Graham Dobbie, of Edinburgh, and Victoria, eldest dangher of Mr and Mrs John

Mr J.H. Eaton

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs John Eaton, of Bacton, Norfolk, and Sally, daughter of Mr John Everett, of Walcote, Leicestershire, and Mrs John Palmer, of Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex.

The engagement is announced between Sean, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Richard Henry, of Pirbright, Surrey, and Harriet, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Marsh, of Bramshott,

Mr R.P. Higgs and Miss K.J. Lyle Cameron The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mr and Mrs

Peter Higgs, of Driffield, York-shire, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Lyle Cameron, of Newton St Margarets, Herefordshire.

Mr D.R. Hughes and Ms P.J. Bethell

Mr S.J. Johnson

Mr C.R. Jowett

and Miss V.J. Lyon

Mr C.K.P. McCready

and Miss C.V. Foss

Mr A.P. Niblock

Mr P.E. Oliver

Mr S.J. Pearson

and Miss F.D. Renney

and Miss L.J. Hill

and Ms P.J. Bethell
The engagement is announced between Duncan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robert Hughes, of Petts Wood, Kent, and Peggy, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Walter Easley, of Lake Isabella,

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs D.R. Johnson, of North

Weald, Essex, and Louise, only

daughter of Mr G. Hill, of Potters Bar, and Mrs M. Hill, of St

The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of

between Christopner, easer son of Dr and Mrs Roger Iowett, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Victoria, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Lyon, of Denbigh, Denbighshire, and Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of the

iate Wing Commander and Mrs R.A.N. McCready, of Bangor, Northern Ireland, and Caroline.

daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Foss, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

Mr A.P. Nibiock
and Miss S.L. Jeunings
The engagement is announced
between Ashley, son of the late Mr
Leonard Niblock and of Mrs
Cynthia Niblock, of Coventry, and

Susan, daughter of Mr Allen Jennings, of Fresno. California, and of Mrs Joan Herrick, of Camarillo, California.

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of the late Mr

and Mrs John R. Oliver, and Fiona, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Nicholas G. Kenney.

and Miss E.J. Clancy
The engagement is announced between Simon, stepson of Mr. John Binks and son of Mrs Binks.

of Swindon, Wiltshire, and Enuna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles

The engagement is announced between lames, younger son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Sage, of Esher, Surrey, and Samantha,

youngest daughter of Mrs Penelope Priest, of Littleworth, West Sussex and the late Mr Gordon M. Priest.

The engagement is announced between Robin, son of Mr and Mrs

Martin Tapp, of St Nicholas at-Wade, Thanet, Kent, and Susan,

daughter of Mr and Mrs Terence Kelly, of Drogheda, County Louth,

Clancy, of Mill Green, Essex.

Mr J.L. Sage and Miss S.C. Priest

Mr R.M. Tapp and Miss S.M. Kelly

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and Miss K. Lewis

Richard and Lady Dobbs, of Castle Dobbs, Co Antrim, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Lewis, of Kensington, London. Mr A.B. Baines

The engagement is amounced between Thomas Charles, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Paul W. Briggs, of Rochester, New York.

Mr S.J. Cattell and Miss S.L.J. Lee

(Rah), daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Lee, of Sussex. Mr W.T. Cross

Newton Ferrers, Devon, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Benzimra, of Lodsworth, West Sussex.

and Miss C.G.A. Odlum

de Vivenot, of Middleburn, Northumberland, and Mrs Frances de Vivenot, of Mariborough. Wiltshire, and Che, daughter of Mr George Odlum and Mrs Virginia Alexander, of Saint Lucia, West Indies.

Gayer, of Kenley, Surrey.

and Miss S. Everett

Mr S.E.N. Henry and Miss H.J.R. Marsh

and Dr C.C.J. Durrant The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and

Mrs Raymond Woodhams, o West Dean, East Sussex, and Charlotte, daughter of Dr Jill Durrant, of Begbroke, Oxfordshire, and the late Dr Keith Durrant.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Malthus, economist and demographer, Rookery, Surrey, 1766; Chris-topher Sholes, pioneer of the typewriter, Mooresburg, Penn-sylvania, 1819; Prank Harris, writer, Galway, 1856.

DEATHS: King Richard II reigned 1377-99, murdered at Pomefract Castle, 1400; John Hadley, pioneer of the sectant, East Barnet, Hertfordshire, 1744: Cap-tain James Cook, explorer, mur-dered by matives, Hawaii, 1779; Henry Mandslay, inventor of the

metal lathe Condon 1831-William Sherman, Union General in the American Civil War, New York, 1891; Sir Pelham (P.G.) Wode-house, writer, New York, 1975; Sir Julian Huxley, biologist, London, 1975; Frederick (Fritz) Loewe, composer, Palm Springs, 1988. London's Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children admitted its first patient, 1852.

Marconi began regular broadcasting transmissions from Essex, 1922. The St Valentine's Day massacre took place in Chicago, 1929.

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FANTONI - On February 5th a The Portland Hospital, to Georgina (24e Robinson and Chudio - twins - brothe and sister for Clara.

JACK - On February 10th st St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Elizabeth (née Shorten) and Boderick, a Gaughter, Isobel Mary, a sister for

HARRISS - On january 30th 1997, to Virginia (née Sieep) and Edmund, a son, Sebastian Edmund

METCALFE - On February 10th, to Clary (note Lodiam) and Matthew, a son, Charles Arthur Fitzmaldred, a hoother for Clementine. O'COMOR - On jamustry 24th at The Portland Hospital, to

ine Fortland Hospital, to James and Patricia of Lezington MA, a daughter, Zol Countrigham, a sister for Cheries and Luke. STEWARY-LIBERTY February 6th, to Mary Campbell and Richard Stowart-Liberty, a daughter.

TAMER On 12th February, 1997 at Chamonix Mont Mune Hospital, Prance, to Emma (née Matsubara) and John, a beaudful daughtez,

WARREN - On 8th February 1997, to Charles and Sarah (note Mather), a son, Alexander Polley, Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

WH.D - On February 9th 1997, to Joanna (née Black) and Christopher, a son, Luke, a brother for Max. WOOD - On 3rd February 1997, to Cashy and Richard.

RETCHER MEMBER - On 14th February 1947 at Longsight Presbyterian Church, Manchester, Legile (then Major Boyal Armoured Corps) to May, Now living in Resurrements MICENT - Donald and Don congratulations on your Golden Wedding today, love from all the family. DEATHS ARDITI - Jacob, died 26th jammy 1997 as a result of a traffic accident in Spain, Dearly loved som of Rins and uncle of Oliver. Greatly respected by many friends. Private Interment at Willesdan Liberal Jewish Cometery Sunday 16th February.

Patricary.

BACON - Michael aged 69 years at home in Market Deeping, Lincolnshire, suddenly though peacefully in his size on 57 February, husband of Ins and father to Nigel, Judy and Cilve, Feneral Service at St. Gethlac's Church, Market Deeping on Friday 21st February at 2 pm followed by cremation (Innily only). Family flowers only, domations in New for The British Heart Foundation of Funeral Services, 4

BELOFF - Nors on February 12th passed away puncafully after a short illness. Minch loved sixter and sixter-la-law, beloved aunt and genet-aunt, and dear friend to many. Funeral at 1 pm Sunday 16th February at Bushey fewish Cemetery. All velocites. No flower ulenta.

welcome. No flowers please.

CLEMENTS - On February 12th,
Gilbert Edward Issue.

Clements LL.E. of the Middle
Temple, aged 81 years,
formerly Common
Counciller of The City of
London. Sadly missed by
Anne, Valerie, Mary,
Hermione and Regimald.

Puneral Service at the
Temple Church at 3 pm on
Tuesday February 18th. No
flowers, Donations, if
desired, to the Edith Heart
Foundation or the ESPE.

Enquiriles to Kenyon, 74
Enchester Eggd, London
SW2, (0177) 834-4624.

EAN-SMITH - Margaret. Adopted daughter of Neille (Deep) and Arnold Dembar-Smith FRIBA, on Soudsy 9th February 1997 aged 97. Funeral arrangements please telephone (01282) RHSTAM - Muriel Desiree aged 85 years at Charing Cross Hospital on 7th February 1997, Safly missed by her jamily and friends. Funeral Service at Golden Green Crematorium Friday 21st February at 1.45 pm.

21st February at 1.45 pm.

ROSS - In loving memory of
Ahm Marthew who died on
8th February. Desaiy loved
husband of Soe and father of
jounthan and Emily. Who
was much leved by all his
family and friends and will
be very greatly missed.
Funeral Service at The
Cemetury Chapel, Kansal
Green Cemetery, W10, on
Treadiny 18th February at
1.15 pm. Flowers to John
Nodes & Sona Ltd., 28
Station Texace, Kensal Risa,
NW10, or denations if
preferred to The Stitish
Heart Foundation.

Heart Foundation

GALLETTI DI CADHLMAG Robert OBE. On February
11th unexpectedly at The
John Radeliffs Hospital aged
38, Devoted hasband of the
late Eda, loved by his som
lan, Richard, Edward,
daughter-in-law Fina,
grandchildren, family and
triends, Funezal Service and
eremation at Oxford
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Road, on Thursday Fabruary
20th at 3 pas Family Rowers
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John Horner, General Secretary of the Fire Brigades Union, 1939-64, and Labour MP for Oldbury and Halesowen, 1964-70, died on February ll aged 85. He was born

on November 5, 1911.

f the Fire Brigades Union was weak when Jack Horner was first elected to lead it in 1939, within a year it was expanding at a rapid rate. The London Blitz was making heavy demands on firefighters. Brigades, constantly in action, were braving dangers and incurring casualties which matched those of many a military unit in battle. Despite sleepless nights, Homer dealt with these emergencies with calm efficiency and, when the war was over. continued to preside over the business of the union for some

twenty years. In his subsequent career as a politician, however, Horner did not meet with the same long-term success. When his career as an MP terminated abruptly he was forced to retire, though he still had much to contribute.

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The son of an illiterate labourer, John Horner grew up in the solidly working-class London borough of Walthamstow. On leaving a local school he became a merchant seaman, made several voyages to South America, and qualified

as a second mate. After a few years he came shore and joined the Fire Service in London. He spon became active in the Fire Brigades Union, then a weak union enrolling only a minority of firemen. In 1939 he was chosen to be general secretary at the early age of 28. He had

no office and no telephone. Only a year later, with the London Blitz, Horner found

himself at the head of a rapidly expanding organisation. He had to cope with countless emergencies as well as with the training of recruits to the wartime Auxiliary Fire Service, among them the poet Stephen Spender. As the war went on, he spent

much of his time dashing between cities which had been severely damaged in air raids. He saw little of his wife Pat whom he had married in 1936. She and their two young daughters found refuge in Oxford, which fortunately was never bombed. In 1945, like others inspired by Soviet resistance to Hitler.

Florner joined the Communist Party. It was a step he came to regret, particularly as he had been offered a nomination as a Labour candidate in the anticipated general election. Had he found a place with Michael Foot and Barbara Castle in the remarkable Labour intake of 1945, his life would have taken a different turning. Instead, he devoted the next two decades to the union and to changes in the Fire Service

That service is proud of its democratic structure, with promotion through the ranks to the very top, and no room for the superannuated politicians or generals who became chairmen of other nationalised industries. Horner established excellent relations with Chief Fire Officers in the cities and counties, who had manned the hoses as he had. The emphasis of the work was turning to fire prevention; old buildings were overhauled to ensure safety, the architects of new buildings consulted fire experts, and a



JOHN HORNER

stringent code of new regulations came into force. Horner made himself an expert in the developing techniques and a relentless opponent of costcutting and carelessness. We shall never know how many

people owe him their lives. Meanwhile, he was a valued set to the Communist Party and a member of its executive committee. But he grew increasingly critical of the party's efforts to dictate the policies of unions in which it had influence, as well as of the subordination of Communist

parties in the West to the interests of the Soviet Union. The suppression of the Hungarian uprising in 1956 was the last straw. Horner left the CP, taking with him all the other Communists in the leadership of the FBU.

His political activity was now in the Left of the Labour Party and especially in the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament after its foundation in 1958. He decided at last to go into Parliament, was selected for the Oldbury and

Birmingham area, and won it in the 1964 and 1966 elections. His closest friend — they shared a Westminster flat was Norman Buchan, also an ex-Communist and a CND campaigner. However, while Buchan briefly held junior office in Harold Wilson's Government, Horner did not adiust himself easily to

parliamentary politics. In 1970 Wilson was ejected from Downing Street and Horner from the Oldbury seat. He ascribed this to his lack of wisdom in canvassing

immediate priority, and ap-

Bohumil Hrabal was largely

raised in Nymburk, 20 miles

northeast of Prague, where his

father was a brewery manag-

er. After leaving school he

began to study law at Charles

University, Prague. But in

March 1939 the Germans

occupied Prague, completing

the rape of Czechoslovakia

they had begun the previous

October, in the wake of the

Munich betrayal. It was a

grim time for intellectuals.

Czechoslovakia's leading writ-

er, Karel Capek, had just died

in his forties, his heart, it was

said, "pierced by the ferrule of

Chamberlain's umbrella".

More pertinently, as far as

Hrabal's studies were con-

cerned, the Nazis closed the

During the war years

Hrabal worked on the rail-

ways, which gave him the wry

insights into the running of

the country's railroad network

during wartime that were to

form much of the background

to A Close Watch on the

In 1946 he completed his

studies at Charles University

with a doctorate, but he was never to practise as a lawyer.

By 1948 Czechoslovakia's brief

period of postwar liberty was

at an end. Again the country

was no place for intellectuals

with any moral rectitude.

Hrabal worked successively

as a travelling salesman, in a

steelworks and in a ware-

house. Finally he took a job as

a stagehand, thus inching his

way slowly towards a career

in literature to which, in the

1960s, he devoted himself ex-

clusively.

The thaw which was to

develop into the liberalising of

the "Frague Spring" of 1968

was by then under way. In

1963 Hrabal had a short story,

Little Pearl on the Bottom.

published, and it met a

favourable reception from co-

gnoscenti. The Czech film

industry was also benefiting from the new, liberal climate

and some of his stories were

filmed as shorts by the country's "new wave" film-makers.

country's universities.

Trains.

Though born in Brno,

peared the following year.

on the afternoon when the voters were watching West Bromwich Albion in the Cup Final. But, at a more seriou level, he was a casualty of the racist tide which swept the West Midlands in the wake of Enoch Powell's "Rivers of Blood" speech. Horner could not return to the FBU, which had a new leadership drawn from a younger generation. and he never tried to return to Westminster. Still under 60,

he was forced into retirement. However, it was an active and on 'the whole enjoyable retirement. In 1967 he published a book. Studies in Industrial Democracy, and later he started an autobiography, but halted it when he felt it overlapped with a history of the FBU. Always a voracious reader, he acquired an impres-sive knowledge of literature and history and also became a good amateur painter.

He and his wife Pat made their home in Herefordshire, within driving distance of Oldbury, and when he had leisure he was an impeccable guide to the castles, churches and village inns of the Welsh borders.

Horner's last years were lonely. The death of his wife in 1994, ending 58 years of a close and rewarding marriage, was a severe blow. Of their two daughters Rosalind held a position with an overseas development agency and was often abroad and Carol was confined to a wheelchair after a car accident. His close friend, Norman Buchan, had also died in 1990, and few of Homer's friends lived near to his home in Ross on Wve. Those who mourn his death also know that he did not wish to live longer.

With the translation of A

Close Watch on the Trains

onto celluloid in 1966 and the

filming of the collection of

short stories. Pearls of the

Deep, in 1968 Hrabal's reput-

ation became an international

one. But the enlightened re-

gime which had made this

artistic flowering possible was

shortly to be brutally sup-

pressed. In August 1968 War-

saw Pact troops invaded the

country and the liberal experi-

A purge of Czech culture

then ensued. All Hrabal's

work was banned and the

entire editions of two of his

unpublished books which

were still at the printers were

destroyed. Thereafter, for

eight years, his works were

circulated only in typewritten samizdat editions. In 1975 he

gave an interview to a literary

magazine in which he ap-

peared to express some sup-

port for the Husak regime.

This led to a partial lifting of

the ban on publishing his

works and the printing of

some rather conventional ma-

terial was permitted. But it

bore little relation to the

unexpurgated texts which

were circulating in secret.

After the Velvet Revolu-

tion" of 1989 Hrabal was

criticised for what had been

seen as a capitulation to the

Communist regime. But he continued to be a popular

writer, his books selling in

Czechoslovakia in their thou-

sands. A collection of short

stories, The Death of Mr

Baltisberger, which appeared

in Britain in 1977, was in fact

earlier work, having appeared

in Czechoslovakia in 1966. A

rambling. stream-of-con-

sciousness commentary on the

state of the world had been

emerging from Czech presses since the late 1980s.

In old age Hrabal loved to

frequent the Prague bars and

was a familiar sight in his favourite, the Golden Tiger. He enjoyed a glass of beer with President Clinton during

the latter's visit to the city in

His wife died in 1988; there

1994

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are no survivors.

ment of Alexander Dubcek

was at an end.

STEPHEN FITZ-SIMON

Stephen Fitz-Simon, founder of the Biba boutique, died on January 16 aged 59. He was born on March 5, 1937.

A TEMPLE to all that was hip in the swinging Sixties, the Biba boutique in London's Kensington was the brainchild of Stephen Fitz-Simon and Barbara Hulanicki. She was the stylist, he was the business brain; together they sent the established world of fashion retail into a spin. They offered cut-price glamour and disposable glitz: slinky skirts and feather boas, long suede boots and sequinned jackets. The Biba girl was an embodiment of the spirit of her age.

Born in Surbiton the son of a motor engineer, Stephen Charles Fitz-Simon was educated by Jesuits at Beaumont College. But he was to retain few characteristics of this conventional upbringing — except perhaps his laconic drawl. On leaving school he began work with an advertising agency and, though he rose to become an accounts executive with the company, he preferred to recall his time there as one spent playing darts and drinking in

dodgy London pubs. Rakishly good-looking, he was a familiar figure at parties and it was at one of these that he first met the stylish young fashion illustrator Barbara Hulanicki, Two years were to elapse before they met again, by which time Fitz-Simon was engaged. He broke off the engagement to marry Hulanicki in 1961.

It was Fitz-Simon who first encouraged his wife to set up a mail order clothes business, marketing her own designs. The Biba Postal Boutique -Biba being the pet name of Hulanicki's sister - got off to a satisfactory start. Then, less than a year later, it soared to speciacular success. In one month some 17,000 pink gingham dresses with matching headscarves were sold.

Barbara Hulanicki opened her first boutique in a former chemist's shop in a Kensington sidestreet. Fitz-Simon. who by this time had left the advertising agency, joined her. Although, he was later to joke, his offices would be commandeered as a changing room and board meetings would be held in the bath, it was his sharp understanding of how the retail business works which led to the shop's

In 1965 Biba moved to Kensington Church Street. Sales continued to boom and a mail order catalogue was launched. Fitz-Simon kept careful control of a rapidly

success.

expanding business. It was said that he could price a dress at ten paces. But if he was warmly good-natured in daily life, concerned that the customers should enjoy Biba as much as he did, celebrating successful days' takings with a glass of champagne for his staff, he was sharp and thrusting in business, driving hard bargains and negotiating tight

In 1969 Biha changed premises again, this time to Kensington High Street. The Fitz-Simons sold 75 percent of their business to Dorothy Perkins to finance the move. Hulanicki, however, had her heart set on buying another nearby Art Deco building, the once beautiful hulk of the former store, Derry & Toms. In 1972 Fitz-Simon bought it for her and the Biba boutique made its final move.

The demise of Biba began when Dorothy Perkins was taken over by British Land. Despite the fact that it was the distinctive style and vision of Fitz-Simon and Hulanicki that had made the boutious what it was, they found their opinions increasingly disregarded by the board of directors. The soul of the venture gradually melted away and with it, increasingly, the profits. In 1975 the store was declared bankrupt and closed. The Biba label -- seized as an asset -was sold. It belongs today to Ellen Shek, the Hong Kong

entrepreneur. From then on the Fitz-Simons led an unsettled life. They emigrated to Brazil where they opened a shop in São Paolo for a while before, uncomfortable with the disparity of lifestyle between rich and poor, they returned to England. But the mood of grasping ambition in 1980s England did not suit their Sixties sensibilities either. Although they established a new cosmetics business and opened another small shop, they stayed just five years. before moving to Miami in 1987, where Barbara had been commissioned to design a nightclub for the Rolling Stones star Ronnie Wood.

In Miami she built up a career as a designer while Fitz-Simon occupied himself with a number of projects, including working on several novels. The energy and speed of change in Miami at that time was evocative of the Sixties.

In April last year they moved once again, this time to New York, where they opened a new shop. Fitz-Fitz. It was a short-lived project and closed six months later when Fitz-Simon fell ill.

Fitz-Simon leaves his widow and son.



Stephen Fitz-Simon with his wife Barbara

BOHUMIL HRABAL

Bohumil Hrabal, Czech novelist and short story writer, died after falling from the fifth-floor window of a Prague hospital on February 3 aged 82. He was born in Brno on March 28, 1914.

SINCE he did not begin writing until he was almost fifty, the creative career of Bohumil Hrabal coincided very largely with the period of . Czechoslovakia. Yet his subversiveness is not simply a matter of protest against that particular form of totalitarianism. Rather it is the age-old revolt of the Czech spirit against any form of foreign domination, a tendency which reaches back to the Middle

It is a subversiveness Hrabal shares with his great compatriot Jaroslav Hašek, whose keen sense of the absurdity of attempting to impose bureaucratic order on the fundamental unruliness of the human spirit he shares.

His masterpiece, the novel A Close Watch on the Trains (1965, tr 1968), in many ways

recalls Hašek. Time has moved on: the collapsing Austro-Hungarian Empire has given way to the deaththroes of the Nazi regime in Czechoslovakia as the Russians approach its eastern borders. But the ingredients of hilarity and absurdity are

Yet Hrabai's anti-hero, the assistant station master Milos Hrma, is no mere copy of Hasek's Lord of Misrule, the whom the laughter simply never stops. Hrma is assailed by doubts on all levels, notably fear of sexual failure and the ridicule it will bring. His progress through life is always in danger of being cut short before his potential can be realised. There is a poignancy in his final achievement of a heroic resolve which leads him on a suicidal mission to blow up a German ammunition train.

The book appeared during a period of comparative thaw and gave rise to the film Closely Observed Trains (1966), by the writer-director Jiri Menzel, with whom Hrabal co-operated closely on

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ON THIS DAY

February 14, 1811

With the capture of the Isle of France, a French trading post and naval base in the Indian Ocean, Napoleon's hopes of victory at sea were finally dashed.

had embarked in the Africaine towards that anchorage. On the 24th I was joined by Rear Admiral Drury, with a division of his squadron, and was enabled to strengthen the blockading squadron, by detaching the Cornelia and Hipper for that purpose; and with the others made all sail for Rodriquez, where the squadron arrived on the 3rd of November and found lying there the division of troops from Bombay; on the 6th arrived the division from Madras under convoy of the Psyche and Cornwallis.

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The divisions from Bengal and the Cape, not arriving by the 20th, the season being so far advanced and the anchorage (surrounded by reefs) by no means secure, more particularly for so large a number of ships. I determined on weighing with the whole fleet on the morning of

the Z2nd, proposing the convoy should cruize (sic) to windward until joined by one or other of the divisions. Very fortunately intelligence was received on the night of the 21st that the Bengal division, under convoy of the Illustrious, was in the offing. General Abertromby deemed it: as well as myself, advisable they should not anchorabut that, having communicated with the convoy, we should proceed to the attack of the 1ste of France, without waiting the junction of the troops expected from the Cape. The whole fleet accordingly weighted from the anchorage, and on the morning of the 29th bore up for the point of debarkation it had been determined to occupy in Grande Baye, about twelve miles to windward of Port Louis, where the Africaine leading in and the Port Louis, where the Africaine leading in and the several ships of war following with the convoy, according to a previous arrangement the whole fleet was at anchor by ten o'clock a.m., consisting of nearly 70 sail; and the army, with their artillery, stores and ammunition, the several detachments of marines serving in the squadron, with a large below of seamer disambarked the Port Louis, where the Africaine leadin with a large body of seamen, dis with a large body of seamen, disembarked the same day, without a single loss or accident a division of ships still maintained a vigilant blockade of the port; another division remained for the protection of the corroy at the anchorage; and a third under my immediate command shifted their stations as circumstances required, to keep up a more effectual communication with the army as it advanced and which with the army as it advanced and which was dependent for its supplies of provisions and stores dependent for its suppnes of provinces wholly on the resources of the navy . . .

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GEORD 16 years and 4 ATDN. lots of love, signed SIMBA.

CM, I want the world to know I. love you always, Zonever . Shann. -

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MESSAGE from the Toy flox to my desiting Disco, rock on Eddy, all love C.

see you in Buth. EARTHY "Hearts are not had as a gift but hearts are earned" You have my heart forever, Sunic. BEASTING DARLING, Handle with cate, right way up, do not head, very very precious, love buth splanh splanh, BCP, all wy love, Keeper.

ANDREW RICE - Thank you for loving me for eleven years, I'm forever yours. PROOF Cine weath in The of PireLove Ukalele

SE my Valentine. I fove you always, forever, and a day, LY.

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24th February.

love return and be my last.

GMA. Con't wait to spand the rest of my life with you. All my love, Sed.

GPEL in a sports car I will always love you. To Mary from Paul

geoglic With thanks and administration. See you in STL Love from Miles. GLAD there's selft a Massa Class even pladder you're there a the years nound.

CLYMS - You warm my bed, light my fine and make chocoline caled with love always Andrew

ONGEROUS Lady, Chindres of your constrainty missing you moss every day.

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Wil he my Valentine for and always, we will so together every day XXX KINOW I have backed a winn Yours in red.

LL shways love you tentibly Prom top to bottom. Let's me some folige! XXX N XXX. love you and I'm still here for you sad I continue to hold you and carry you in my bear! Love Valuating. LOSE you for all you have done for me, Love Ray.

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my love for alwest for our Falentine, Mill all my love, from the many logard Michael.

MLY I don't believe it I didn't take you to the Bank and the duvet's off M. GAMMA My presty little Gree glid, I love you a big one, los forever Darly Duck. XXXII Vous et mal nutre. Alway Man.

> CITCH I love you even more now you see two, and we are three love Steve. OTTI, true hore is the best pol-ley since 15 years and forever. RAZY 'K' Just to say on Valen-tias's Day, I love you, Touché LLVEUCH Very happy believed fortisth birthday Tamback my Valentina. Love from Dada.

LAMBY I love you more then I can say and I'm so happy that we finally mancied in Abstra-Dal Bay. Love you always forever and a day your sangry lamb with a waggy tail.

AVENDERS have dility dility, lav-enders green. When I am King dility dility, do be my Ousen. LENEY SECTION All that is not given is last Lots of love, Rich.

BEAUTIFUL ROSEMARY Your guile talivens my heart and your kieses touch my soul All my love, Peter. MSC I love you with all my heart and want you forever.

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MEAT

LLE My love for you will con-tinue to grow. Forever yours. ARLING Benny I love you way way junct the moon paint the far-thest star and back squin and I always will love your Jojo. State Abital, with all my ove today and every day. Hugs and kiness. Love Vas. ANLESS, Spo's frog, sproket and specie forever, uv oo sta wate XXX

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MINIAN Ga love you always and forever, Sally. SHEACE it's been nearly built my life and you are still all right, Love Grutty. CHRISE, Our marriage and life together cast some soon enough for me. All my love. David ann. PARSE New I have told the world I love plways, Marryn. AME I have you more than anything in the world. You cream cake, kisses. [hivko. DICEO, it took you 14 years to win the ligency. Congretulations. Lots and lots of Him, Bratan 1xt. MODLY Wanne I will alt up and beg for you to be my Valentine All my Love. Woofer: which hove is the hoosy. WHICH fere is the necessary DPFF Desting. Themits for tunning the world upside down. Learn's youes, Densylpe Drussell Enchances Eatherine, I long to see your face and Mee your stockinged feet again before I freues in outer space. House Early Decroit Point Sally, the ducts in Australia and a Welsh his highlight August 1974.

DODGE DAMIESS. Love you need NORT torpet to tell the trees DAT make your heaven over blue! With love them June 79 OC. If you do, I do too. But Gids time it's forever. Off little deminouse. Things got a little botter such day, and when they don't, there's strang boys. Miss you lots. Love you more. Migbest.

GENEL Happy Valentine's Day GEobby. PS Please bring chaque book. Li Love you still, always will love HCD. LOPPY Love you sharp and forwer. Bubbles, Wool LORA: Your love and kiness keep pac young. My lovely Mrs. Together we've along. Nev. PLOR Broay year together mod weatherful. DE Still my one and only, low POLICETURE BREDIE I have touch to say I Love You. Joe.

FELCIA We all have you here not and always.

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FROS for falling.

MARESTER Late long ferrows, loca-of straighes for aquitant and Tigger, would you please he my Valuating, SUE, It's 2 known fact, all my love Toddy. HARL! I know it's not said often but you drive ine emay and I love most than you can imag-ine infinite love Mindy. ANDET I seen you subblehed before! Hail a cub, Michael let's see the world. Love hacks MATE, MARY No one love you se much as I do. Michael AZEL Carind. Elephantis neve furpri and love forever. K MARTS in distant places, moves gands often now, reflect upon the neglect, proof surely never now, joytelly with your unners. HEDGEHOL, to Sonia, think of me on one knee, so please my you and many me.

HALF a Fostors you refrict all my party that other our's reach. Smoot, plat of best.

EP. No. 2 jown you eternally.

To the girl who got on the 52 bus at quarter past eight last Friday, You were pretty as a picture (but I hadn't got my camera with me).

You can never be sure what you'll see. But you can always be sure of a Sure Shot

JOHN & HAZEL - for the live of Kleeness a rose. For your wed-in Kleeness, a trip to Jameica we'll roles you but see you is hawk's cay. Love Kleeness Feople in Rushness. OF I WELL TO SPOOR WITH YOU FOREYEL 30 Love you with every fibre of my body, all my been and soul forever and ever, Coddenly Beer, JO - To my wonderful Valentino with all my love, Alan XXXXX P I love you E. H.

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Valentines

SAMANTHA Seve me your past centre, all my love Greg.

Man Pill Lab Helly loss you but not becomently in that order IXX Shut up Charlis. Man, Green Park holding you is where I love to be, Rodolfa. Missour Ground Lets look forward to the future together. Love you Kitchener, misseuff jet looks lets look the kanger doors toulight as I long for you to wrestle with my constrole. ER. LYM Once again all my love for ever dutting Signed Bay. ME HAPPY. Deliciously, screens-thously. Insuriously! I've waited all my life for you. I'll wait smother 18 yes it? have to! I love for. RAPPERO. MR HAPPY you are my Karth South Rest and West. With my love always him Massy. MAGDA CROSS My heart daily love after forty seven plus years. Donald. headone, Shilar but so far no love for me in Ljabrjanal Nick HAR HIS Your bottom looks funny to those troumers. Love you, his MES CHUMEY Don't fall me over. North cort things out and be together for next Valentines. 881, Mr Chubby. NAG HUTCHINSON is great I love her very much? 5 conducts on the divorce. MANOT Now is Goving, Sowing on, Thou is going, going gone. Now and then I find fine - Bu nors was my Valentine. MR SCOTT I love you with all my heart Mrs Scott June MARGARET AR my love for always Why are you so lovely: server Rodney MATGARET ALL MY LOTO, JESSEE MARIABRE Date I should I can I still keps? Is this the year? With love and longing from cable thirteen. MARIANNE My loss for you is at deep as possible, there all. MARION, New days for you, the same "I lose you" from me - K MARDLYM Are you still paddling ground in the similate and your over loving long.

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GOTS, My love has Hourished since the rubber shoets. Thank yor for Paton, fast cars, focus-ing and trialability. I adore you darling Love, Poo. POPPETTY P will be with me for-ever and a day. All my love as always implant. noon stancer biscost. D.
Oli a hot summers night would you offer your throat to the wolf with the red roses. I bet you would see as.
OME Gay Welch Princese seek. Saint for leasunst and dregot slaying. Hiss shining summer. Fiscase apply on of sower. Grantes. OSCAR gives his cuddles to you. As absent I would love to do. Peth-chora.

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PRETTY woman model for walls at banger and duck feeting at Cooky. OUR second time around returned the scent and colour to the rose Leverance. OUR Silver years together have here divine, everyday your my PRINCESS Dough Ball, I love you and wish we could be together CONTRACTOR P to the forever and over all my love your special K. P. Don't get lost egain. Life with-out you is wome than life with-out chotchate or bear. Yours forever ! day, love M.
FT. still your devoted Bulgy Bear.
PHASE for pulse and breath for
breath I fore you May Plant. PUPPY loves his little girl.

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PATRICIA My life begin on
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Company (Company of the Company of t MAIL ORDER INFORMATION SHEPS into planes - we'll fixit, je valme besuccup. "Le quincediller de Whanipeg" SHRIEY'S spends flies Bastwoods (sic) over the Lion Mill on way to Paradist. ROSEMANIE All my love today and shrays and forever, Lovin. SIALCHEN Wonderful on top SMINOR S Take a gamble on real All try love, Personale Taxot. meah. ESSEE you're reading this today, you're under cotomied, I'd say! So if you're stock for things to do that think of how mach I love you. I'm hoping that you'll say you're mind. Citre - will you be my Valentine?

SMART ARRE, Please forgive me. I nearly forgot how much I love you. Wanch this space for the next 50 years. Dumb Banny. toteser. Sticky. Whoops! ORDERS PHONED BY 3PM TODAY CAN BE DELIVERED BY 17TH **FEBRUARY** DRINKS !

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together, everything front, will love you to bits. Einsy.

SLC I have a near devil on Weigh windles from Rechdale.

TASN you are to me all that a women thouse be Miker.

TAINFURILE How Flank! Road to you know who message ends. YAZI Missing you badly, love you forever, he with me always. Hope we can meet this year. THE The Times their exclusive heading today is that Good kyes Wendy. PRANTIS Pees - Cat for being my punction partner love you vary

SUPPREVIOR. Looking forward to long walkies must week wood wood love Superpupa.

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SHAPPING PARK A Wite and now a mother but always and flower you'll be my love. Hoppy Valentina's Day, Signad Kevinance.

T.P.L. Southe gozpoots, you do something to me. Se my Valon-time and meet me tradight, Stra.

SWEET Holes I'm your Valentin I see yours and you are mine

TO JE. (Rocky) I will love you till the and of time. Love you always, yours S.T. (D). TO KRAINCHIEF My darling wife and Valentine, with all my love TO LITTLE ONE, more cold calders, tortilla chips and sumets on Bosworth Battle fields please! Love Strampy. OLUBOE and spider for eve Arthur Mules. Dolombes Apuli then the world. TOM and Barry Cat and Bk seed all their fundest love always TO my durling P-p-des, love and hisses for any steamy suspect I promise we'll be entangled very Soon Lovell-boy! O my darling Kim, I have loved you for fifteen years and will love you forest? Front.

TO MY little angel, My descrett
dauling, thank you for another
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occurren 10 My Mate, love you lots and lots, The Man La Blue. TO MY easy temistopped ungineer. Can't wake for the westweed. Chilled champers, resting fire, and planty of conversation. So glad we met. With love 32

TO my sweetest "Man of Steel" thinking "foundly" of you se always and especially today, Rappy Valentine's Day.

TO My wife and Valentine of fifty one years with graneful thanks

TO Mina Torter I have you this much from Buthle The Bear.

PROGRAF Polofish, the beautiful Residen toy, meet me in Fotos-tion this weekpad. I'll bring the chargement Love from Hox. TO SAW and his organisms, loving you today in big BC heart.

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34 YEARS: yet it seem's it was only yesterday. Je t'mine, L.

WOOFLES - It's not just the dirty dishes pulling up. I happen to hows you - get better soon. P nederstand the I love you, accept like I want you, recognise and I'll see you tonight spm, Westbury Hotel.
WI La Grenouille Dinghat. WORKS quality controller. Love your lines and shape Michelan tyre style. Roll on Tenentic 21st Feb. 1 chink your supra. Will Eddy be late?

VERNIE Don't you love me? Eternally Yours, 24th February.

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YOU are my Valentine because your love makes in your mouth. YOU are our Valentine, we both love you harmaby (Dane) and Geoff! VALUE Many women have done excellently but you surpass them all john. YOUR eyes sparkle like jewels of The Sec. How will you know it (as from the cat Lister or me YOUR in my life now, my love, my draam would be complete, places make me your wife now. YOUR my North South East West forget logic MRA work lets be together love you, Jame.

VOUR WORDS 1998: Dine out? but we'd better finish that cold chicken. My plan 1997: No coulding run up to Feb 14th. Logs you! WALREST or charry, P4 or P5, who cards? This not wood always B4U. Love XXX. Walth wonderful machinic from Wast Norwood, I love you. PEDMENDAY TEACHER Sing a poor sough but is won't until a you. King kong's brother many takes your breath but I love you. Fool Parties. YVOSME Love you more today than yesterday but less than tommotor john. ZELDA Centet jou Vanfentime's dag, Ele la baie fief vir jon. Sten jou Vanamd. Van: Max ZOE You are better than my tribopaedic pillow. Promise a bow inc.



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NEWS

Peers reject mandatory sentencing

Michael Howard promised to overturn changes to his tough new sentencing plans after the Government suffered an eightvote defeat on its law and order policy in the Lords.

A line-up of peers, former Tory ministers and judges, including three past and present Lord Chief Justices, backed a cross-party move giving judges greater sentencing discretion. The changes give judges power to set aside the mandatory minimum sentences.....

JRA victim tells of soldier's death

The woman who narrowly escaped death in the IRA sniper attack told how Lance Bombardier Stephen Rosterick was shot in the back as he stood smiling at her. Lorraine McElroy, 35, a Roman Catholic, said: "I just wanted to go and hold him

Britain in Iran

Britain is to sponsor a stand at an energy fair in Tehran in April, encouraging British firms to invest in Iran's gas and oil industry in defiance of the American sanctions

Leaks demand

A former Tory minister called for the interrogation of senior colleagues on oath as part of a public inquiry into leaks from a Commons committee

Doctor jailed

A doctor who failed to perform a simple test that could have saved the life of a young father and then tried to faisify his records was jailed for manslaughter ... Page 3 Search for love

Private detectives are being hired for up to £500 a case to find the anonymous senders of Valentine cards. They use modern surveillance technology and handwriting analysis...

Lawrence claim

The parents of Stephen Lawrence, the black teenager murdered at a bus stop, were planning a civil action for damages against the five white men originally accused of killing

Cancer success

Deaths from breast cancer are falling among women under 65 because tumours are being spot-

New leaf

A Church of England bishop has given up the Bible for Lent. The Bishop of Jarrow, Dr Alan Smithson is reading the Koran Page 9

Korean suspense

The suspense surrounding the apparent defection of a North Korean leader to a South Korean diplomatic compound in Beijing showed no sign of letting up as ___Page 2 Seoul sent a delegation __Page 13 **New Rushdie row**

Attempts by the Iranian Government to play down a fresh row over Salman Rushdie suffered a setback when the country's Revo-

lutionary Guards insisted that the novelist be murdered Page 14 Jobs poli An opinion survey shows that a majority of South Africans are

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Smugglers return Smugglers in Albania have taken

advantage of a police withdrawal and taken back 100 speedboats that had been confiscatedPage 16 **Clinton donations**

The Chinese Embassy was used to channel illegal donations to help President Clinton's re-election, said the man who helped to Page 8 uncover Watergate....... Page 17

Major wins the romantic vote

■ John Major says in a Valentine's Day interview that marriage was the most significant event of his life and far more important than becoming Prime Minister. But Tony Blair in Cosmopolitan, which features the Labour leader in its directory of the 100 sexiest men alive, says the most significant event of his life was "becoming party leader".....Page 1



Armed police outside the High Court yesterday during the search for a woman who had threatened judges with a gunPage 1

BUSINESS

Pearson: Unauthorised discounts offered by a junior employee of Penguin USA have cost Pearson. owner of the book publisher, EiOOPage *2*7

Chubb: The security group is expected to announce an agreed takeover bid today from an unknown bidder valuing the company at up to EJ.25 billion..... ____Page 27

Economy: The chance of hitting the Chancelior's inflation target by the end of the current Parliament receded with news that underlying inflation remained stubbornly unchanged in JanuaryPage 27

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 22.8 to 4327.1. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 98.2 to 97.8 after a fall from \$1.6332 to \$1.6222 and from DM2.7492 to DM2.7367 ... Page 30

Football: Brighton lost an appeal

against a two-point deduction imposed by the FA after pitch invasions during their game against Lincoln in OctoberPage 52

Rugby league: Bobbie Goulding, the St Helens captain and Great Britain scrum half, was given an eight-match suspension for a headhigh tackle in the cup match against Wigan Motor racing: Three top Formula

One teams, Williams, McLaren and Tyrrell, are facing combined losses of £100 million because of a feud with rivals Racing: Dorans Pride, one of the leading fancies for the Cheltenham Gold Cup, fell at the penultimate

fence in the Kinloch Brae Chase at

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Arts on the box The cable and

satellite revolution is going to bring a feast of arts coverage to the small screen, at least for those who are prepared and able to pay Page 40 Dramatic lows; Peter Gill's new play for the National Theatre, Cardiff East, is essentially a pessimis-

today on a housing estate in Living dinosaurs: Aerosmith are back, cleaned up not washed up. and they have a brilliant new album to prove it _____Page 41

tic but compelling view of life

Stepping out in style: Rambert Dance Company's spring tour features two new works by Kim Brandstrup and Christopher

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A Korean glimpse

China has the world's spodight on it as it decides which of the Koreas to offend, its destitute old Cammunist ally or the valued investor and trading partner Page 21

Day of the cow

Behind the catcalls in the Commons yesterday lies a happy coincidence of strategy and tactics for Labour. Strategically it makes sense to attack the Government for its clear failure in the BSE crisis.....

The broadest Church

The Church of England can be a broad church or a Protestant sect. For St Paul's Cathedral, as elsewhere, the first route should be ...Page 21

MATTHEW PARRIS

Shotgun and rifle-owners had better start praying to every God they and David Mellor recognise. The will of the people is a capricious thing, and arrives on little cats'

PETER RIDDELL

Mr Brown wants to show that he is not only the iron Chancellor in waiting but that he also has radical instincts. A Labour Government could make a difference though it would be along very different lines from what Anthony Crosland envisagedPage 11 .

PHILIP HOWARD

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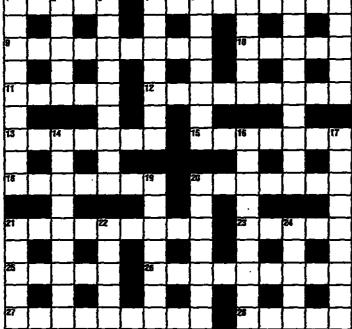
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- 10 Rotten nuisance, having such an attack of lassitude (5).
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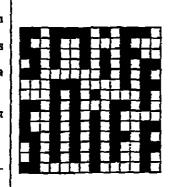
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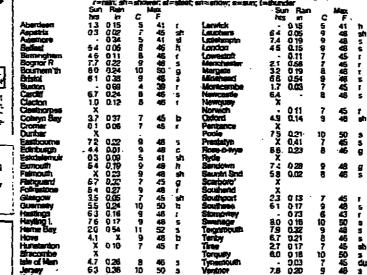
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Doubts grow over inflation target

BY JANET BUSH

THE Chancellor's chances of hitting his inflation target by the end of the current Parliament receded yesterday with news that underlying inflation remained stubbornly unchanged in January.

Underlying inflation, which excludes mortgage interest payments and which the Government has pledged to reduce to 25 per cent or less by the election, stuck at 3.1 per cent last month, according to the Office for National

Headline inflation jumped to 2.8 per cent from 2.5 per cent in De-cember, almost entirely due to the fact that mortgages rose this January but fell at the same stage last year. This was anticipated by the City but there was disappointment about underlying inflation.

However, analysts said that the news was not bad enough to force Kenneth Clarke to raise interest rates in the run-up to the election. The main upward pressure on the underlying food prices which were boosted by higher prices for vegetables because bad

weather hit supplies. On the positive side, January sales saw even steeper discounting than last year, a sign that retailers are still not managing to raise their margins despite apparently robust demand. Household goods prices fell 3.6 per cent, the biggest fall in any January since this series began in 1956. Clothing and footwear prices fell 5.8 per cent, the largest lanuary fall since comparable records began in 1947.

Angela Knight, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said: Serious commentators, including the Bank of England in their Inflation Report this week, expect inflation to fall back over the coming months." She cited this week's low producer prices figures and sterling's strength as reasons to believe that inflation re-

mains under control. The inflation news came the day after the Bank's Inflation Report, which reiterated its view that a moderate rates rise is needed if the Government is to hit its inflation target of 2.5 per cent or less in two years' time. The Bank said that sterling's strength would see inflation fall sharply in the short-term but then increase to 3 per cent "and rising" by the end of 1998 if interest rates were unchanged.

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Pearson hit by £100m Penguin discount bill

By Eric Reguly

UNAUTHORISED discounts offered by a junior employee of Penguin USA have cost Pearson, owner of the book publisher, £100

The employee, an American woman who worked in Penguin's accounts department in New Jersey, had been offering discounts since 1991 on book orders in exchange for accelerated payments from retailers. Pearson said the discounts, which averaged 5 per cent, were violated company policy and had the net effect of boosting the retailers' cash

flow at Pearson's expense.

News of the scandal knocked 73½p off Pearson's share price, to 690p, at one point. The shares later recovered some of the loss to close 140 lower at 7492p.

Pearson declined to identify the woman, who was dismissed this month. The company, with the help of Cravath, Swaine & Moore, its New York legal counsel, and Price Waterhouse, its accounting firm, is investigating the matter. Arthur Andersen, Penguin's former accountant, and the woman's colleagues and bosses are thought to be part of the investigation.

Pearson would not rule out fraud, but said that the inquiry so far has uncovered no ridence that the woman offered the discounts for personal gain John Makinson. finance director, said: "At this stage ... we cannot be sure what the motivation was."

The inquiry is expected to take several months. Michael Lynton, the chief executive of Penguin who replaced Peter Mayer last summer, said: They have five years of paperwork. This is an enormous task." Mr Mayer joined Penguin as chief executive in 1978. He ran the worldwide group from London for ten years, before moving to the New York office.



Peter Mayer became Penguin chief executive in 1978

The £100 million will be taken as a charge against Pearson's 1996 accounts and will not affect the profit expectations for 1997. The figure is equivalent to three times the worldwide operating profits of

Penguin last year. Marjorie Scardino. Pearson's new chief executive, said the "lion's share" of the amount will cover the value of the discounts. The rest will cover the costs of the investigation and the rebates that may be demanded by any book retailer that was not offered discounts by the Penguin employee. The latter could lead to expensive litigation if the retailers claim more than Pear-

son believes they are owed. The improper accounting was uncovered in January, when Mr Lynton was merging Penguin and Putnam Berkley. American publisher bought by Pearson for £200 million in December. He

found problems in the credit

department and called in Price Waterhouse to investigate.

The woman offered discounts in exchange for payments in 60 days instead of the usual 90 days. The discounts were then "smothered" in mountains of accounts-receivable paperwork and were never disclosed as bad debts. An official said the employee created "an accounting web of

breathtaking complexity." The woman received part of her pay as bonus, but Pearson

said that accelerated pay ments from retailers would have in no way affected her

Marjorie Scardino has accounted for inquiry costs

remuneration package. The scandal emerged one day after Michael Price, the activist American investor. said that he had taken a 1 per cent stake in Pearson. Events in America have reinforced the City's belief that the group is accident-prone and vulnerable to takeover.

De Savary to float new £100m venture

By Jason Nisse

PETER de SAVARY, the colourful entrepreneur who owned both Land's End and John O'Groats at one time, is planning to float his new venture. The Carnegie Chub, with a market value of £100 million.

"We plan to float in the next 18 months, either in New York or London," Mr de Savary said yesterday.

The flotation of Carnegie would represent a return to the public arena by Mr de Savary, who lost a large part of his fortune in the early 1990s when his Placedon group collapsed, owing £50 million. He was also central to the abortive venture to redevelop Canvey Island in the Thames Estuary, which led to a Department of Trade & Industry investigation into Blue Arrow, his partner.

It will be the third time Mr de Savary, who is also hoping to stand as a Referendum Party candidate, has run a public company. The first, LandLeisure, was bought by Leisure Investments in the late 1980s, a deal that forced Leisure investments into receiv ership. The second, Highland Participants, was taken private by Mr de Savary eight

years ago. The Carnegie Club currenty has three operations Škelbo Castle in Scotland, Stapleford Park in Leicestershire and the London Outpost in Mayfair. Mr de Savary said that he was in discussions to open three more country houses — in Tuscany, Ireland and the East Coast of the US --

and two new outposts, in Paris and New York. By the time the company floats it should have a turnover of as much as £40 million, he said, However, he expects the business to be worth at least twice that.

Mr de Savary is also involved in the shipping business, owning the dry dock at Penzance Dry Dock and Ship-

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Going well

Shell, the oil company, announced record profits up 30 per cent to £5.7 last year and the name of its new chairman in Britain. The final dividend rises 10 per cent. The group is cautious on Page 29, Tempus 30

Going badly

Philips, the Dutch electronics group, suffered a £200 million profits fall to £900 million. The company also played down speculation about splitting up saying that its original plans remained on

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Tax change threatens | SFA expels trader at jobs and investment

BY ROBERT MILLER, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of jobs and hundreds of millions of pounds of investment in major projects are at risk from new legislation before Partiament.

Projects which in the recent past have relied on lease finance money - now under threat from the Finance Bill include the UK plants of Nissan and Toyota, the Japanese car manufacturers, the Trafford Centre development in Manchester and the modernisation of London Underground's Northern Line.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, acting on advice from the Inland Revenue, introduced a retrospective measure in November's Budget to block generous tax breaks available to investors using the lease finance

The Revenue, which alleges that certain lease finance schemes amount to tax avoidance, calculates that some £3 billion is involved in the various projects. The taxman calculates that the Treasury could collect an extra £150 million a year if the loophole is

Martin Hall, director-general of the Finance and Leasing Association, said last night. The retrospective nature of the Chancellor's action is scandalous. At issue is the fact that large investors who have put up billions to back British projects are being penalised retrospectively. Investors who take the risk to back substantial projects may

now think twice." Peel Holdings, the property develop-ment company involved in Manches-ter's Trafford Park development, has told the Treasury that the £200 million bill to finance the project, which will provide 6,000 permanent jobs when opened next year, could grow by at least "several million" if the proposed measure is kept in the Finance Bill.

Henry Ansbacher

A FORMER senior trader at Henry Ansbacher & Co, the merchant bank, has been banned from working in the City for the "grossly improper" transfer of \$70,000 to his associate's account in Zimbabwe.

The Securities and Futures Authority. the watchdog for brokers and futures traders, announced yesterday that David Crook, who joined Henry Ansbacher in April 1994 as a senior dealer to trade and market South African gilts and gold shares, had been expelled and ordered to pay £8,500 costs. The bank was reprimanded, fined £20,000 for supervisory and procedural failings" and told to pay costs of £5,400.

The SFA said that in August 1994 Mr Crook, who was subsequently dismissed for gross misconduct, "caused the firm to make a payment of \$70,000 by falsely representing that these were margin funds for a new propriety trading account opened by Henry Ansbacher & Co with another firm. In fact no such trading account existed, and the payment was really an unauthorised transfer of funds to an associate of Mr Crook in Zimbabwe". The SFA. which was not told of the unauthorised transaction until June 1995, said Mr

Crook had repaid the money. During the investigation, Mr Crook was asked for details of his bank accounts. The SFA said: "Mr Crook subsequently provided false, misleading and substantially inaccurate particulars relating to the existence of bank accounts held by him in the UK.

Mr Crook took his case to a disciplinary tribunal. It found that he had "consistently and repeatedly lied or resort-ed to half-truths" during interviews with the SFA about his bank accounts.

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 ${\sf A}$ Valentine card is the perfect flirtation: amorously suggestive, teasingly anonymous, thankfully ephemeral. But what if you want to make a more lasting impression? To convey what you think of their taste and discernment? A bottle of James Herrick's Chardonnay will flatter by reflecting what is most desirable: good looks, an endearing freshness and honesty, real depth of character coupled with the elegance and style of the South
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Chubb expected to reveal agreed takeover



Sir Ernest Harrison, left, and David Peacock

CHUBB SECURITY is expected today to univeil an agreed takeover bid that will value the company at up to £1.25 billion. Williams Holdings, the diversified indus-trial group, was last night regarded as the most likely candidate to take control of the

loek-making company.

Chubb issued a statement yesterday confirming that it was in bid talks that could lead to an offer of up to 450p a share. The move came after Chubb shares began to climb on rumours that it was about to become a bid target. Shares in the company jumped more than 20 per cent yesterday closing at 420p, compared with a low this year of 310p, and valuing the company at £1.2 billion.

Sir Ernest Harrison, chairman, holds shares valued at £7 million at yesterday's closing price. David Peacock, chief executive, could receive a total pay-off package

By Alasdair Murray

of more than £2 million. He holds share options valued at £1.6 million at yesteray's closing price, while he was paid £400,000 last year. He also holds shares

worth £428,000. The expected bid comes five years after Williams lost a £760 million takeover battle for control of the Racal group - a move that hastened the demerger of Chubb from the company. Racal and Chubb, which are both chaired by Sir Ernest, yesterday had a combined market capitalisation of nearly £2 billion.

Analysts said that Williams, which

owns the Yale lock business, would be likely to face a monopolies inquiry if it took control of Chubb but the two businesses had obvious synergies. Other potential bidders named yesterday included Tyco International, the US indus-.trial company that bought Thorn Security

for £138 million last summer and was busy in the US market yesterday selling nearly \$500 million of stock to help pay of debt. But Ingersoll-Rand, the US industrial company, was ruled out by analysts as it is still completing a £230 million agreed bid for Newman Tonks.

Chubb shares performed strongly after demerger, quickly rising from an opening quote of 20lp. But the company's performance has stuttered more recently and the shares slid nearly 20 per cent from their high of 380p last year. Chubb has insisted that it can restore growth through acquisitions although the market has been concerned by the dilutive impact of recent purchases. At the half year Chubb revealed only a small rise in profits to £46 million and said that acquisitions would knock around £3 million off profits this

Are your Valentines all cards, or is there someone special?

James Herrick

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French deficit no bar to EMU says OECD

ECONOMICS EDITOR

FRANCE should have no difficulty in cutting its budget deficit this year to the level needed to qualify for membership of the European singlecurrency, according to a notably upbeat report from the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development,

It said the spending freeze already announced for 1997, together with a large one-off payment from France Telecom, should ensure that the deficit falls from 4 per cent of gross

reducing the deficit, which it envisages, "there should be room to take the measures needed to bring it back on track".

It said that, in the absence of additional measures, further progress in fiscal consolidation would be slow and the overall deficit could remain close to 3 per cent in 1998. But France's government debt to GDP ratio is, in any case, likely to remain below the 60 per cent Maastricht ceiling, it said. The OECD was also

domestic product in 1996 to the Maastricht upper limit of 3 per cent in 1997. The OECD said that, even if there is some slippage in saying that a sharp easing in monetary policy coupled with an improving climate in foreign export markets, sets the stage for a stronger growth performance over the next two years. It predicts that growth may accelerate to 2.5 per cent in 1997 and 1998.

Unemployment, however, is expected to remain a significant problem, falling only to around 12 per cent of the labour force by the end of 1988 from around 12.5 per cent currently. The OECD said that France may have a structural

unemployment rate of around 10 per cent and that, without substantial measures to deregulate the labour market, it is likely to remain

The OECD also called for liberalisation of sheltered sections of the French economy to enhance the dynamism of the economy. It said that, despite the European single market project, progress in raising competitive pressures in many sectors had been very

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Regulator in fresh TransCo attack

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

TRANSCO, British Gas's pipeline business, came under renewed fire from the industry regulator yesdetailed plans to strip down the business and publish commercial information the company wants kept secret.

Clare Spottiswoode may chop the pipeline network into separate parts to allow in new players. She said: "In the very long term we could have alternative methods of getting gas around the country.

The fresh revelations come at a highly sensitive time for British Gas - the company splits into two on Monday - and investors will be concerned about prospects for TransCo, already in an MMC inquiry. over a pricing dispute with.

the regulator.

More bad news is in store for TransCo with the regulator's intention to publish commercial information supplied by the business. Ms Spot-tiswoode will in the next few months put more information in the public domain without the company's approval.

She said regulation would be better executed with more information in the public arena, and that decisions on whether it was commercially confidential would be taken by the regulator rather than

Ms Spottiswoode made the attacks as she published her annual report. It revealed that complaints about British Gas were up 174 per cent last year.

ter, the retail mortgage arm of 1,000 or so branches. Lloyds TSB, yesterday reported a 36 per cent jump in pretax profits, to £336 million, and revealed that it could be selling branded home loans through some 3,000 high

92 per cent rise in gross mortgage lending to £6.7 bil-lion, has been selling its home loans through some 2,000 branches since it joined the Lloyds Bank group in August

Now that Lloyds has taken over the TSB group, plans are in hand for C&G to sell

John Morgan, chief executive of Morgan Sindall, the construction company, and Barbara Moorhouse, finance

director, after unveiling profits 71 per cent up, at £5.17 million. The firm is turning its focus from office refurbishment towards building contracting to maintain growth rates. A 2.85p final dividend makes 4.2p (2.7p). Tempus, page 30

C&G mortgage lending almost double at £6.7bn

By ROBERT MILLER AND GAVIN LUMSDEN

CHELTENHAM & Gloucesstreet branches by the end of

C&G. which also reported a

£11.2 million, from £43.7 previmortgages through TSB's ously. The important cost-to-Andrew Longhurst, chairincome ratio rose to 33 per cent, from 32 per cent last time, on the back of higher man-designate of C&G, whose parent company Lloyds TSB is expected to unveil annual marketing costs and an ongoprofits today in the region of ing investment in staff and £2.5 billion, said: "It is a major

Meanwhile, Britannia project for us and one that we Building Society yesterday said that it would pay £35 hope will be completed by the end of the year. When it happens we will be the thirdmillion in loyalty bonuses to one million members, making it the first mutual to share out largest mortgage provider be-hind the Halifax and the

The payment, which excludes around 300,000 of the net mortage lending market and mortgage assets "carpetbaggers", gives an average taxable sum of £35, with rose by 10.7 per cent last year. to £28.4 billion. Provisions for a maximum set at £500, and bad and doubtful debts fell to will be paid later this month. It

is calculated on the amount of 22p units that members have accumulated by borrowing and saving with the society.

Calum MacLeod, chairman, said that the bonus was equivalent to the dividend that shareholders could expect from demutualised building societies in the future.

The payment and associated costs reduced operating profits to £72.8 million, down from £118.8 million in 1995. Trevor said that Britannia had incurred £45 million of costs in offering discounted first-time mortgages last year. At one point it had a 30 per cent

Coutts to be part of new

Insurance watchdog may boost powers

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

PEOPLE claiming compensation from insurance companies could soon be automatically entitled to up to £100,000 payouts, plus unlimited sums for distress and inconvenience.

Insurance companies are backing plans to double compensation from £50,000 to £100,000 and to scrap the £750

cap on distress payments.

The Personal Investment Authority (PIA) has asked insurance trade bodies, consumer groups, insurance companies and regulatory authorities for their opinions by close of business today.

The proposals have the sup-port of the Association of British Insurers, the trade body representing almost 440 insurance companies, and Standard Life, the UK's largest mutual life insurer.

At present the ombudsman can award up to £50,000 and, if necessary, make recommendations for compensation to exceed this. Under the new proposals, this limit would be doubled to £100,000, into line with the powers of the banking ombudsman.

After today's deadline the responses will be scrutinised by the PIA and discussed at the next monthly meeting of the Council of the PIA Ombudsman Bureau, which will then issue guidelines.

Standard Life, one of the largest UK insurers, believes that if distress is genuine "it is difficult to see why it should be capped". Tom King, a director of the mutual, said: "We maximum compensation pay-ments doubled to £100,000, which would bring the insurance ombudsman's powers into line with the banking ombudsman's powers."

Rover feels pinch of the rising pound

ROVER is the latest company to send out distress signals over the rise in sterling. Walter Hasselkus, its chief executive, said yesterday that if the pound stayed strong, Rover might try to minimise negative effects by buying more parts abroad.

Rover is especially affected by the strong pound because of its links with BMW, its parent company. Mr Hasselkus said that sterling exchange rates of DM2.70 to DM2.80 "would be a problem for Rover and British industry".

The mark's recent decline against most currencies, including sterling and the dollar; has helped German exporters, but made foreign goods costlier for Germans, who are increasingly buying Rover cars. However, Mr Hasselkus gave warning against too much gloom. He expects sterling to fall back again, and, until 1998, Rover's currency risk is hedged out with the help of complex financial instruments. UK exporters have been facing an increasingly tough business climate since sterling began to rise again after its 1992 fall.

Stena to shed 330 jobs

STENA LINE has given unions formal notification of 330 compulsory redundancies at the ports of Dover and Newhaven in advance of the proposed merger of its UK ferry operations with P&O European Ferries, it was reported yesterday. The merger has yet to be approved by UK. French and EU competition authorities. It is thought that up to 1,000 jobs across the two ferry companies will eventually go, and the current round of redundancies is only the first tranche. Stena's crew are expected to bear the brunt of the cuts.

Fed backs banking move

ALAN GREENSPAN, US Federal Reserve Chairman, said the Fed supports moves to allow non-banking institutions to offer banking services. The head of the US central bank told the House of Representatives banking sub-committee: "The boundaries between finance and non-finance are likely to become increasingly indistinct." He said computer and software businesses were developing sophisticated products that blurred the distinction. But he called on Congress to move with caution in lowering the legal barriers between commerce and banking.

ScotRail strike threat

RAIL workers involved in a long-running dispute are to stage fresh strikes. Around 700 train crew members of the Rail. Maritime and Transport union employed by ScotRail will walk out on February 22 and 24 and on March 8 and 10, threatening disruption to services. The dispute began last year over productivity payments but was fuelled when the company disciplined some union members involved in industrial action. Around 800 non-train crew members of the RMT have voted not to take industrial action.

Siemens optimistic

SIEMENS, the German electronics giant, said that weak semiconductor prices at the end of 1996 caused net income in the first quarter of its fiscal year to fall, but it still sees stable full-year profits. Net income in the final three months of 1996, the first quarter of Siemens' business year, fell 5 per cent, to DM478 million, despite strong growth in orders during the same period. Favourable foreign exchange markets and low German interest rates boosted orders and sales in the first quarter.

AA rejects pilots' offer

AMERICAN Airlines, the US's second-largest carrier and the proposed partner of British Airways in a new global alliance, yesterday dismissed the latest offer from its pilots aimed at averting a strike. Robert Crandall, its chairman, called for binding arbitration. A key issue in the bitter dispute is whether AA can fly the small jets of its regional carrier, American Eagle, with lower-paid pilots belonging to another union, a move opposed by the Allied Pilots Association.

Analysts back Clyde

ANALYSTS at BZW Research and SBC Warburg, the leading securities houses, yesterday advised Clyde Petroleum shareholders to reject the £494 million takeover bid from Gulf Canada Resources. The 120p-a-share offer closes on Tuesday. Both firms backed Clyde because of the strength of its management, its acquisitions record and strong cash generation. Gulf Canada, which owns 29.7 per cent of its target, argues that falling oil prices threaten Clyde's prospects.

BBA buys US air bases

BBA GROUP, the airport management business, has purchased the operations of three service bases in Americator \$18.5 million through its subsidiary Signature Flight Support Corporation. The bases are at Teterboro Airport. New Jersey; White Plains, New York; and West Palm Beach. Florida. The company said last year's sales for the three bases was \$29.3 million. The group now has 41 fixed base operations, including a new Swiss joint venture.

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MacLaurin resigns from NatWest

By Sarah Cunningham

LORD MACLAURIN of Knebworth, the chairman of Tesco, resigned from the board of NatWest yesterday after Tesco confirmed that it is ending its nine-month-old agreement with the bank so that it can join forces with Royal Bank of Scotland.

David Reid, Tesco's deputy chairman, also had to resign from the board of Legal & General because of the supermarket group's move into financial services.

NatWest has been operating Tesco's Clubcard Plus debit

'card. Tesco and RBS will relaunch Clubcard Plus and follow it up with a credit card in joint venture will be "broadly equal, Tesco said. The partners will invest up to £20 million each in the first year.

Other products, including life insurance and general insurance, offered in conjunction with Scottish Widows and RBS's Direct Line, will follow. Terry Leahy, chief executive of Tesco, said the venture would be "a truly major force in financial services in the UK".

NATWEST is to create a 'wealth management" arm with more than £60 billion under management. The division will incorporate highprofile brand names from

within the group, such as Coutts and Gartmore. Derek Wanless, chief executive of the high street clearer, dismissed the suggestion that NatWest Wealth Management, which will embrace NatWest Life and NatWest Ventures, would be for rich

customers only. He said: "This

NatWest wealth division By Robert Miller, banking correspondent

term healthcare, pensions or new venture is as applicable to our customers with just a general investment. few hundred pounds investo Coutts, which has a reputin unit trusts as to the wealthi-

billions under management." The division will be headed by Paul Myners, chairman of Gartmore, the pension fund manager NatWest bought last year. Mr Myners will join the board of Courts. He said: "We want to make it accessible to everyone who is planning for their future, whether it is retirement planning, long-

est pension fund client with

ation as the most pukka of private banks, has been in the beadlines over its handling of the reported decision to waive bank charges worth £500,000 on the Duchess of York's overdraft. This week Courts halted bankruptcy proceed-ings against a mother of three on income support, over debts incurred by her husband from whom she is now

separated. City diary, page 31



The "Shell" Transport and Trading Company, p.l.c. Final Dividend 1996

Notice is hereby given that a balance of the Register will be struck on 18th April, 1997 for the preparation of warrants for a Final dividend for the year 1996 of 22.5p per 25p Ordinary share. If approved at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 14th May. 1997 the dividend will be paid on 21st May, 1997.

For transferees to receive this dividend, their transfers must be lodged with the Company's Registrar:- Lloyds Bank Registrars, The Causeway, Worthing, West Sussex BN99 6DA, not later than 3 p.m. on 18th April, 1997.

Share Warrants to Bearer

The Coupon to be presented for the above dividend will be No. 197 which must be deposited at Lloyds Bank Registrar's Department, Issues Section, Ground Floor, P.O Box 1000, Antholin House, 71 Queen Street, London EC4N 15L (not later than 18th April, 1997 to receive payment on 21st May, 1997) or may be surrendered through Messieurs Lazard Frères et Cie. 121 Boulevard Haussmann, 75382, Paris Cedex 08.

Proposed Capitalisation Issue

Notice is also given that, subject to the necessary resolution being passed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company to be held on Wednesday, 14th May, 1997, there will be a capitalisation issue of Ordinary shares. If the recommendation is approved, two new Ordinary shares will be issued in respect of each Ordinary share held by shareholders on the Register at close of business on 27th June, 1997. The additional shares will carry the same rights as existing Ordinary shares but will not qualify for any dividends declared or paid before the conclusion of the AGM.

Further details and Notice of the AGM will be issued on or about 11th April, 1997.

Share Warrants to Bearer

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The Coupon to be presented will be No. 198 and full instructions to the holders of Share Warrants to Bearer will be published in "The Times" on Monday, 19th May, 1997.

> By Order of the Board Miss J.E. Munsiff

Co-op chief discounts plan to sell non-food business

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

GRAHAM MELMOTH, chief executive of Co-operative Wholesale Services, said yesterday that he has no intention of selling chunks of the nonfood business to Andrew Regan, the entrepeneur.

Shares in Lanica Trust, Mr Regan's investment vehicle, were suspended on Monday when it confirmed reports that it was involved in plans to buy parts of the CWS and the smaller Cooperative Retail Society's non-food business.

Mr Melmoth said yesterday that the CWS and CRS were in full agreement on the Lanica Trust approach and he would be happy to talk to Mr Regan, who is understood to be on



holiday, but he does not envisage doing business. He added that he has not replied to the letter sent to CWS and CRS on Monday from Galileo.

cle set up by Lanica to raise up to £500 million. One or two other companies have inquired this week whether CWS would be willing to sell parts of the business

ing is for sale, he said. Mr Melmoth said that the CWS's huge funeral business, which carried out around 55,000 funerals last year, would be one of the last businesses we'd sell". As the UK's largest commercial farmer, he has no intention of selling that business either.

but they have been told noth-

The only non-core businesses are a small engineering operation and a small chain of garages, he said, but they "are

Directors cut Tube projects

DOZENS of investment projects on the London Underground were yesterday dropped by the London Transport board, a decision taken because of the E400 million cut in state subsidy announced in the Budget (Jonathan Prynn

Details of the scrapped schemes will be revealed by

Peter Ford, the chairman, and Denis Tunnicliffe, chief executive, when they appear before the Commons Transport Select Committee next week

LT would not comment on results of a board meeting yesterday, but casualties are thought to include the £100 million modernisation of the Northern Line, a £100 million refurbish-

ment of District Line trains and a £5 million modernisation of Oxford Street station. However, money has been found to complete work on the East London Line, shut for almost two years, the longest peace-time closure of a Tube line this century. London business groups and Labour condemned the planned cuts.

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☐ Inching towards facts on windfall tax ☐ Pearson's little accounting problem ☐ OECD's rosy view of France

WE are inching closer to some idea of what constitutes Labour's windfall levy — but it is painfully slow progress. The omens for companies themselves, and for investors, are looking better.

First, the amount Gordon Brown has limited Labour to a sum of £3 billion lifted from the privatised utilities. This is not a binding promise, and there is no guarantee that he as Chancellor. or a successor, will not come back for more if the companies survive the experience.

We still do not know how the tax is to be assessed among each, but a £3 billion figure based on turnover of their regulated businesses would not, as this column has pointed out, break the bank for anyone.

We also do not know which companies will attract tax. However, remarks by Mr. Brown on BBC Radio 4's Today programme take us a little nearer -on the twin provisos that he will be bound by his word and that he knows what he is talking about.

"An ordinary company working within the marketplace that is not regulated on grounds of price does not come within this [tax]," he said. Mr Brown was pressed on whether British Telecom or British Airways would be levied, but would not say. On this definition, BT is bit and BA escapes entirely. The three power generators, which are not

principles of enlightened capitalregulated, escape likewise. Let us draw a discreet veil over ism that New Labour claims to espouse to tax success pro rata in this way — those that out-performed being proportionately worse hit than the laggards. In the awful possibility that our would-be Chancellor believes that BA and the generators do have their prices set by some regulator — Ofwing for BA. the real world, of course, this is

perhaps? He then backtracked setting three criteria for the tax. probably what will happen. But with the election so near, They were, first, the extent of the monopoly position enjoyed. BA competes with 200 other airlines and the amount Labour wants fixed in the public mind, there is no reason now why Mr Brown cannot identify those companies be intends to tax, even if he does in this country alone, and the generators are in a market made up of 20 separate businesses, so no monopoly. BT has about an 85 per cent market share, so some not attach an individual tax bill to each. Investors deserve no less. Remember investors, Mr Brown? A bit like stakeholders, only they have been around rather longer. Second, Mr Brown repeated

the point about regulated prices. His third basis for setting a tax Cooking the books was more weasel-worded: the value of the assets at point of at Penguin sale, that is, at privatisation. All three of our borderline

THIS is a truly weird state of affairs that the new Pearson management has discovered in the United States. It would fit well perhaps within one of those old Penguin crime novels with the green covers, except that there appears to be no motive — and perhaps no crime either. Unofficial discounts of 3 to 4

PENNINGTON

Brown's hidden hit list

per cent were negotiated with some bookstores by one individual low down in the Penguin US

accounts department. The cash was paid for the books, and the discounts then handed back to the retailers in return for prompt payment. In accounting terms the discounts were treated as if the money was

still owed to Penguin.
Over three years, the discounts
paid back reached the best part
of the £100 million charge Pearson has taken. The rest will cover reimbursement of any shops not offered the original discount who feel they have been dis-advantaged and sue — this is America, remember — plus law-yers' and accountants' fees.

As the money is not really

owed to Penguin, it served to flatter Penguin's profits, which will have to be restated. As it does not represent cash owing, just cash never received, it will come off the balance sheet value, although any future reimburse-ments will have to be paid out of Pearson's cash.

It all begs two questions. Why did the individual, who does not seem to have benefited materially, do it? The scam would have had to be uncovered eventually, to the ruin of her career. And did any of the bookshops know that those discounts were unauthorised?

The matter came to light when some of the shops approached Putnam Berkley, the publisher just bought by Pearson, and asked whether the same discount applied to its books. It was not discovered by the new Pearson management, led by Marjorie Scardino, although they would have found out in the end.

The affair has no implications for any rumoured takeover of Pearson, and little for the share price, which settled down well yesterday after the initial shock. But it does prompt one thought.

Only at the Pearson of old could been created without apparently bringing anyone any profit.

Reality deficit

ONE needs several EU surplus mountains of sel to get through the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's views on the French economy. The OECD is notorious for giving countries an easy ride in such reports, that cooperation tending to be with the relevant finance ministry. The result is a snapshot of our neighbour unfamiliar to anyone

who has been there recently. The OECD is also notoriously in favour of European Monetary Union, and willing to bend the facts if this edges the great dream closer to reality. France will doubtless get to the 3 per cent limit in its budget deficit, as the report says — but no criticism of the way it gets there. Nothing about fudging or accounting wheezes, no doubts about the most notorious one - France

Telecom hands the Government a huge one-off payment and in return the state picks up all future pension liabilities. None of this is news, but it

seems to have escaped the OECD, whose optimism on growth is, shall we say, not universally shared among economists. The real shock is the treatment of French unemploy-ment, which merits just eight

lines of the report's assessment and recommendations. A structural unemployment rate of 10 per cent is described as "preoccupying". Not "appalling", not "worrying in its implications for social cohesion and political extremism. One has to wonder how the OECD's rosevisited spectacles would have viewed the Weimar Republic. "Artistically lively, but inflation remains a concern", perhaps?

Slow motion

MANY thanks to Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu for its illuminating Top 200 list of the fastest growing companies in the world. Stratagem, the doors, fridges and computers conglornerate, is Britain's second speediest group, and nineteenth in all, ahead 107 per cent over five years. Alas, the race is not always to the swift. Stratagem's shares have collapsed from 180p to just 70p in the past year.

Shell unveils new chief and record profits

By MARTIN BARROW

ROYAL Dutch Shell, the Airglo-Dutch oil group, yesterday set out senior management £1.44 billion in the fourth changes and pledged to drive down costs further as it unveiled record profits for 1996.

Announcing a 30 per cent rise in annual net income to £5.69 billion, fuelled by higher oil prices and ingreased output.

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ings would retire as chairman of Shell Transport & Trading.

gas and stronger prices. Oil, the British arm, in June. Mark Moody-Stuart, a group managing director, is to succeed him. At Royal Dutch, Jeroen van der Veer has been appointed as a

managing director. The City warmly welcomed a 10.3 per cent increase in the final dividend and an improvement in return on capital to above 13 per cent from 11 per cent a year ago and 10.6 per-cent in 1995. Shell is narrowing the gap with BP's return of 15 per cent, announced this week. In London, Shell shares rose 2712p to a 12-month high of

£10.59, helped by the company's proposed two-for-one scrip issue and the increased payout. The final dividend rises to 22.5p a share from 20.4p, taking the total to 63.6p from 47.8p.

Shell said earnings from oil and gas, boosted by higher oil prices and increased production, easily outweighed a substantial fall in profits from its

chemicals business in 1996. Net income rose 87 per cent to quarter. On a current cost basis profits rose 23 per cent to £5.3 billion in 1996 and more than doubled to £1.29 billion in the final quarter.

tax levied there.

State ownership.

cases, unlike poor British Gas,

have outperformed the market.

But this does not automatically

mean that they were sold too cheaply, only that they have performed better in the hands of

private shareholders than under

It is utterly antithetical to the

Exploration and production trading at an average \$18.60 a barrel in the first quarter. reached \$23.60 in the final one. Refining and marketing also advanced, to £2 billion from £1.5 billion, largely because of inventory gains outside America. But the effect of volume growth was limited by pressure on marketing margins. Earnings from chemicals fell to £762 million from £1.09 billion. Industry margins are expected to remain weak in 1997, the company said.

Shell expects weaker oil prices this year, as non-Opec output rises. Refining margins may also be eroded in the seasonal downturn in demand. Mr Jennings said group capital expenditure was likely reach \$14 billion by 2001. Most of it will fund exploration and production expansion. It was \$12.5 billion last year.

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Noble quits British Biotech post

JAMES NOBLE, the man who was instrumental in turning British Biotech into the leading biopharmaceuticals company, resigned as finance director yesterday and is expected to take another job in

the industry. His departure came as little surprise. Keith McCullagh, chief executive of British Biotech, said that Mr Noble's primary interest was raising money to fund the research and development operations, an effort that had been largely completed. "James raised £300 million in capital for us. It is fair to say that he didn't relish the idea of spending the next five years putting in all the nuts and bolts to turn us into a commercial company." Mr Noble could not be reached for comment. He has been approached by other pharmacruticals companies but has not accepted a job. Colleagues at British Biotech said that he is building a new

house in Oxford. British Biotech is conducting an outside search for a new finance director with expertise in ongoing commercial opera-tions instead of financing. For now. Mr Noble's job will be shared by Dr McCullagh and Anthony Weir, who was ap-pointed financial director of British Pharmaceuticals, the group's operating subsidiary.

Toad made inventor redundant

By Fraser Nelson

THE Cambridge graduate whose inventions led to the creation of Toad, the car security company, was made redundant three days before the sudden departure of Charles Parker, its newly appointed chief executive. Edward Snow, 26, whose dashboard spy camera was the

first of Toad's car security

products, sold a significant

part of his holding in the company just days before Mr Parker's resignation sent its shares plunging by 40 per cent. entrepreneur who took Toad to market played down the departure. He said that although Mr Snow had been a key figure in the early days, position - head of new product research - had dim-

mished as the company evolved. He said: "When Toad only employed six people, he was very important. But the company now employs over 100, and he had naturally became more of a middle manager. Mr Evans said that Mr Snow had sold the shares to fund an MBA course in

stood to have arranged the disposal, which raised around £35,000, three weeks before Mr Parker's resignation. Toad now makes most of its money from Secur-Fix film

France. Mr Snow is under-

Ernst & Young re-invents the audit.

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ACCOUNTANCY

Jim Kelly investigates work towards offering more than the no-frills 'plain vanilla' audit

modern crusade

he word andit derives from the Latin 'to hear'. A hirow troi favsitiem entrust his estate to a steward. An auditor would subsequently give his kordship a the state of the business and the performance of the stew for would not have got away with the tortuous lauguage

Ernst & Young, the Big Six accountancy firm, has just spent up to 2350m workiwide trying to restore something of this medieval service to its chents. It is, in estates of its clients - not just a checklist of published

"We want to audit the eas - riot just the financiais," says Nick Land, the firm's UK senior partner. Most of the Big Six firms are trying to reinvent, or at least moderates, the multi KFMG, for example, is close to saveling its version — Audit 2000 ~ in the UK.

R&Y's candidate - Audit ot asses - 1A to notheronal expand the restricted and cautious financial assurance provided by the modern statutory audit – which has changed little in decades – with a much wider assur-ance on business risks and a improve commercial perfor-

needs reinventing. To many have gathered and checked companies it seems an irrele- to analyse the client's busifinancial risks which the no-frills "plain vanilla" sudit

effect, appoint and pay the auditor. It is hardly surprising that directors see little value in a product designed to monitor their performance and integrity. If they are honest they will see it as a waste of money. If they are dishonest they will not want to pay for a good one.

Against this background it is hardly surprising that fees for andits have come under tremendous downward pres-

sure. Competitive tendering bas become a mechanism for pegging fees. However, firms have little choice but to con-tinue to compete for the unique platform it provides for the selling of other, more Incrative, services to anon businesses really clients. The work has one other important advantage. WOTK - giving It teaches accombants how theses really work - giv- them a priceless ing them a priceless glimpse into the heart of a working glimpse into

but wanted by few. This is

partly because directors, in

The problem has been that the heart while the audit team may leave the premises with a unique insight into a client's. always get to share it. Nor are the sudit team motivated There is no doubt audit to use the information they

es faces exposed. The merely estimies the govern-

The result is that directors have long pestered auditors for some evidence of value they can add to the business from the audit process paying for it at all. This pres-sure has been immensely that audits do not work. The late 1980s and early 1990s,

The work teaches accountants how

of a working ess, the clients do not COMPANY

Directors, and especially non-executive directors, now have good reason to seek a wide assurance and objective they help run. The increasing tendency for directors to end up in court when companies fail has also concen-trated minds. Shareholders also want assurance on a

answer. It had better be: the firm has invested \$50m worldwide - and up to a further £300m in staff time into rolling it out. Land thinks it is the right thing for the firm worldwide - but "manna from heaven" for the UK firm in particular. This is for two main reasons. First, he is trying to place & Y at the "value-added" end of the accountancy ser-

vices specirum. Second, it dovetails with reforms he has made to the way E&Y's easier by the messy trauma of the firm's birth - from the merger of Arthur Young and Ernst & Whitney to 1969. "I

expeciation gap."

management structure of the partner in charge at the top - by a team with "roles not grades". It includes a relationship manager, know-ledge steward, financial specialist, and so on Perhaps only half the team will he accountants. The key relationship manager does not have to be an auditor. Like mal and unstuffy. If it fails it environmental performance. E&Y believe's AI is the will be seen as unstructured

> Al seeks to deliver not only an audit opinion required by statute - but wider assurance on general risks and suggestions on curbing them, insights into how the business is running, and a raft of ideas for

change. He has tried

ach AI contract is defined by a "ser-vice chartes" which analyses strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. E&Y then undertakes to deliver reports puter "knowledge web" and the latest business process firms the merger was a bit of analysis which can then be a catalyst," admits Lend. measured against a "value

value billing" for AI - linkparts of the fee.

Al is now beyond the drawing board. The key principles will underpin the 600 clients reporting in late 1996 and early 1997. Almost replace the traditional "silo" all the firm's 2,200 andit staff have now been trained. John who has actually been running Al save it has both motivated audit teams and impressed customers. "There will be only one methodology," he says: "Although we

can deliver "plain vanilla" if the client wishes." auditing may have lost its and time needs to be invested in reinventing a relware and methodology will be easy to replicate - the work will be much harder to copy. Al certainly sounds there will have to be strict rules to make sure auditors are candid about the harst ness solutions they have

themselves suggested! In other words assurance must outweigh advice. The rest of the Big Six will in any case have their own projects. Clients can only hope that one of them gets it an audit for which clients will actively want to pay -The way people are successful. Land is "inter an audit which they will affected by AI is central to ested in moving towards ten to, as well as bear. an audit which they will its-

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has been met with scepticism

by the market. The £107

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Hardie Building Services in

making a profit.

Chubb admits that the



MICHAEL CLARK

Smith & Nephew revives on renewed takeover talk

above their low for some time, shares of Smith & Newphew bounced back yesterday, reviving suggestions that a bidder may be stalking the

The Elastoplast to Nivea healthcare group finished the session 9p better at 188p in heavy turnover that saw almost nine million shares change hands. Talk by City speculators in the past has linked the group with Johnson & Johnson in the US. The nappies supplier might be one of the few companies with the to afford S&N's E2 billion-plus

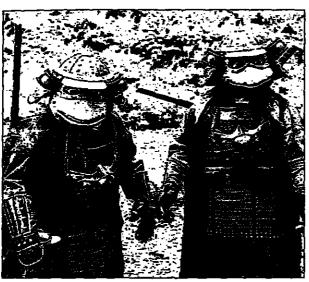
Big things are expected of S&N, with the group launch-ing Dermagraft, its biologically-engineered skin replacement treatment, later this year. Brokers say it should be a real money spinner.

Share prices generally took their lead from another record-breaking run by the Dow Jones industrial average overnight on Wall Street. It managed to offset news of the latest rise in inflation, while another positive start in New York last night provided fur-ther impetus. The FT-SE 100 index closed just a shade below its best with a rise of 22.8 at a new closing high of 4.327.I. A total of 937 million

The City gave a warm response to full-year figures from Shell with profits surging 60 per cent in the final quarter. The group showed it had made strides in controlling costs, but warned of a softening in the strong oil price once deliveries from Iraq are resumed. The shares jumped 30p to £10.9112 excited by news of a two-for-one scrip issue. BP, which reported earlier this week, finished 6p lighter at 694p.

Racal Electronics finished 1312p higher at 27612p with the chairman, is prepared to acbe willing to do so for Racal. The Racal price was also supported by a brokers' recommendation after a visit to

Chubb Security, the locksmith demerged from Racal Electronics a few years back, surged 79p to 420p on news of terms for an agreed bid of up to 450p a share. Potential



Copyright Promotions, up 10^1 2p, has a deal with Playmates, the people who brought you Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

2212p to 75712p in a thin

market as several protected

trades went through. These

included 700,000 shares at

74512p, 533,582 at 752p and

500,000 at 75lp. It boosted

total turnover in the shares to

Pearson dropped 14p to 749¹2p, after briefly touching

70212p, on the news it was

taking a £100 million charge

after the discovery of im-

proper accounting at its Pen-

guin Publishing subsidiary in

New York. The media group.

which also owns the Financial

Times, Lazard Brothers mer-

chant bank and Madame

Tussauds, has been talked off

The strong pound continued

to take its toll of Britain's

as a possible bid target.

3.6 million.

predators were said to include Williams Holdings, 312p firmer at 338p, and Rentokil ¹2p off at 488p. Rentokil later denied any involvement. Bids from as far afield as Sweden and Australia are anticipated. Another candidate is said to be Ingersoll Rand, the US indus-

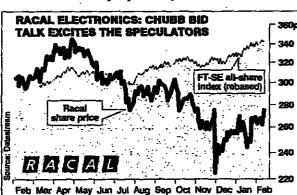
Royal Bank of Scotland

The bears are keeping their positions open in Reuters, the financial news service, after a warning from the company about future earnings growth. The price finished another 4p cheaper at 646 ap amid fears it may have further to fall. There is even talk it may use its cash mountain on a major acquisition.

rose 912p to 629p after announcing its link-up with Tesco, 612p better at 34412p, to develop its own retail banking service in its stores.

Lloyds TSB. which kicks off the banks dividend reporting season later today, firmed 312p to 502p. Barclays, reporting next week, was 1912p dearer at Ell.9712.

Reckitt & Coleman jumped



panies like BTP, 1212p down at 25tp. Croda International 1912p off at 319p and Laporte Ilp down at 66lp. The chemical industry has been depressed worldwide and strong pound makes them even less competitive. British Steel was unmoved at 14012p on news of the heft losses at Avesta Sheffield where it is a majority share

British Biotechnology fel 912p to 239p on learning of the departure of James Noble finance director. The company is now looking for a successor

Elsewhere among the biotech companies Cortect signs of slowing with a rise of a further 7p to 23812p. Shield Diagnostics contined to build on its recent gains with a leap of 4512p at 37012p as brokers again reflected on the potential for its new treatment to diagnose heart attacks earlier.

Willis Corroon received a lukewarm reception to fullyear figures showing a 13 per cent rise in pre-tax profit to £89.1 million with the price falling 612p to 133p. The insurance broker remained cautious about current

Copyright Promotions stood out with a rise of 1012p at 9lp after clinching a major deal with Playmates Toys to market the Mr Men toy brand in the US. Playmates was also responsible for the Teenage Ninja Mutant Turtles theme which was all the rage with children a few years back.

GILT-EDGED: The latest

inflation numbers did not sit well with bond market and prices gave up ground. underperforming other Euro-pean bond markets. The rise to 3.1 per cent in underlying inflation during January left dealers disappointed. They had been hoping for a fall

exporters. This time there below 3 per cent. In the futures pit, the March to £1103516 as the total number of contracts completed dropped to 75,000. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 lost £°32 at £107°32, while Trea-

sury 8 per cent 2000 was NEW YORK: Bonds and equities were higher by a followthrough to Wednesday's pow-

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SEE LOD IMPRICES Allies sought in pump wars LOOKING at the paltry returns from refining oil and selling petrol, it is easy to wonder in a bad year why giants of the industry such as Shell and BP bother? The capital employed in these activities would sometimes earn a better return in the bank. It is, of course, inconceivable that Royal Dutch/Shell, the world's second-largest oil company would sit back and do nothing. The message from both sides of the North Sea yesterday seemed to be if you can't beat them. join them. In London, Shell let slip that it was in talks with one or two British supermarket groups over joining forces in an effort to fight the war raging on petrol forecourts up and down the country. Rival BP, it should be noted, has already joined up with Safeway, and in The Netherlands Shell has struck a deal with

IT IS hardly a smash-and-grab raid, but Chubb, the locksmith, should provide some further clues to its future this morning with the market braced for details of an agreed bid. The company teased the market yesterday with a statement that it is involved in talks that may

lead to an offer of up to 450 a share. The market clearly expects an offer slightly above 420p after pushing Chubb shares 20 per cent higher yesterday. Chubb has left itself vul-

nerable to a bid after two years of sluggish growth. The company has failed to realise the expectations an independent company after demerger from Racal in 1992. The recent attempt to revitalise the company through an acquisition spree

tion of results yesterday. The markets have been surprisingly positive given the huge losses, while Moody's, the ratings agency, has warned customers of a potential downgrade in Philips status.

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ine the potential for Philips to achieve cashflow generation from key business units and from asset sales, which could be used to pay the restructur-ing costs. The Grundig partnership in Germany poses a problem that is not yet fully

If Mr Boostra is thinking about a demerger, he should make a decision quickly and pre-empt Moody's.

stations. Over in The Hague, Royal Dutch said it was considering tearning up with another

large oil company in Europe in an effort to boost the margins on refining oil. The group has already shut a refinery in Switzerland and cut capacity at one in the South of France. Shell said that both refining and petrol margins were better in 1996 than in 1995 but were still not satisfactory.

Koninklijke Ahold, the country's largest

retailer, to have food shops at Shell petrol

Overall the picture at Shell looks bright. But like BP, Shell is wary of the impact of renewed Iraqi oil exports on the oil price later this year. The two-for-one scrip issue and dividend increase helped outshine any doubts on yesterday's fourth-quarter profits and the mixed outlook for 1997.

traditional physical security

market. The consensus was

that Chubb would not show

real growth for at least

market is set to continue to

grow over the coming years. In a safer pair of hands the

company may well fulfil some of its early promise.

another couple of years.

Chubb

Australia was seen as too much for a business barely

acquisition will act as a drag on profits in the short term while competitive pressures have hurt margins in the

which greeted its arrival as

UNLOCKING THE VALUE? Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb

Philips

PHILIPS is in a curious situation after the publica-

Such diverging views about the future of the group seem illogical to say the least. However, the threat of a break-up of the electronics giant could explain the separates threads that the markets are following.

If Cor Boostra, the new chief executive, decided to dismantle the slow-moving vehicle he is currently in analyses make sense. Share prices are expected to go up after a demerger, while the debt, or parts of it, will

downgrade from Moody's would be a real blow. The

Morgan Sindall

another set of strong results, it is easing away from the refurbishment sector that has served it so well. It is now trying to sprinkle the same magic on its building contracting

The task will be much harder. The group still generates 60 per cent of its business in London and its growth so far has been led by demand in the capital for office refurbishment.

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It claims that its strategy — people power — holds good for both areas. It is aiming for repeat business, and to win the right staff it runs an aggressive recruitment

wield.

It will then snap up ailing family companies, and resuscitate them with its own staff. Business will come through the regions, and in the form of lots of small contracts.

With the building industry still getting over its hard times, there should be plenty MORGAN SINDALL the to choose from, and building group, is on the underperforming businesses move. After producing are not normally expensive. Morgan has a strong balance

sheet and cash of £9 million. to reach a rating of 28.5 times tionally well even without the special attention now being promised to it - at a slight premium to market average. the shares are good long-

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Generating a good press

THE decision by British Energy to sponsor the Cub Scouts PR badge has brought happy memories flooding back to its chief executive. Robert Hawley tells me that he was a King's Scout and troop leader with the Wallasey pack in Merseyside.

The privatised nuclear ower company is splashing out £12,000 a year to have its logo on the scouting badge for public relations proficiency. To launch the sponsorship deal, British Energy is hosting a PR workshop for about 100 scouts at Heysham nuclear power station in Lancashire. To earn the badge, scouts have to place a story in their local paper, deliver a fiveminute talk on scouting. and organise a promotion al event. They also have to produce a newsletter, and arrange a vigit to a local newspaper or TV station, No bob-a-job.

A TELL-TALE name raised a titter at the Securities and Futures Authority after a former senior trader with Henry Ansbacher was expelled by the City watchdog for matters surrounding the improper transfer of \$70,000 to his associate's account in Zimbabwe ... one David Crook

Write lines

THERE'S hope for us all Paul Myners, 49, the highly rated chairman of Gartmore, is to head the Management arm. Before the non-executive director of Orange embarked on his heady career in the are Mile with Roth schild, the distinguished former Powergen and Inno director was a City iournalist. Where next? NatWest board, perhaps?

PENGUIN may wish to inspect its bookshelves more closely in the future. News of the publishing company's bumper charge for improper accounting brings to mind a learned guide on the subject. Insight Into Management Accounting, by John Sizer. priced at £9.99 and published by Penguin.



That's business

A VALENTINE'S gift gone awry for Tim Melville-Ross. The director-general of the Institute of Directors will today be told that Livingstone Guarantee intends to sever its links. After two years, the independent corporate fmance house for unquoted companies is instead joining forces with maga zine Real Business. Due out in March, the magazine is published by Caspian, whose chief executive Mike Bokaie was the runaway marketing director from the IOD.

CITY smoothers will tonight be heading for Bleeding Heart Yard. The subterranean watering hole in Greville Street has been hailed the City's most romantic restau-rant. Richard Hardern. an ex-barrister and for mer Samuel Montagu corporate financier, and his younger brother Peter, an ex-junk bond analyst for Saudi International Bank in New York, plump for the low-lit lovery in this year's edition of London Harden's

Restaurants.

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Bank's record demonstrates no need for independence

THE BANK'S VIEW ON INFLATION

RPI EXCLUDING MORTGAGE INTEREST

(Annual per cent change)

The Old Lady has done well in maintaining

the value of sterling in the long term

of Threadneedle Street. The Bank of England has come in for a lot of abuse lately. It has misjudged the economy. It has misunderstood the currency markets. And - most heinous sin of all in the eyes of the British establishment -- it has been publicly defeated in its tue of war with the Chancellor over interest rates. All these humiliations seem to have polarised informed opinion about the central bank.

A small but growing camp is inclined to regard the Bank as an ineffectual institution which has lost touch with economic and political reality and can safely be ignored. Although this view is only held by a small minority it may be gaining ground in the Labour Party, whose official policy is to examine the Bank's

record" in making its policy judgments, with a view to proposing sweeping reforms of the way it is run. A more vocal majority takes exactly the opposite view, saying that the Bank's persistent failure to impose its will on the Chancellor is irrefutable proof that it needs to be given more power. This camp wants the the Bank to be given complete independence from the Government demand that is usually com-

and from Parliament - a bined with the earliest possible membership of the European Monetary Union, which would cure Britain of its chronic monetary incompetence once and for all But before everybody gets

too excited about the inherent

instability in the present system for conducting monetary policy in Britain, two points should be borne in mind. The first is simply that the present disagreement between the Bank and the Chancellor is piffling. The difference between them on the right level of interest rates amounts to just one quarter of a percentage point. The second caveat is less familiar but more important: Britain's long-term record in the conduct of an independent monetary policy is by no means bad. In writing that sentence I know from hitter experience that I am exposing myself to a torrent of abuse. Readers who were THE MARKET'S VIEW ON INTEREST RATES 1997 - 2007** 99 2000 01 02 1997 I asked the audience to vote on land can boast a record of

robbed by inflation in the 1970s are remarkably unforgiving to anyone who suggests their misfortune was just an historical aberration, rather than a symptom of original sin. Nevertheless I shall brave the flood of irate letters to point out some facts.

Not only is the Bank of England the oldest continuous issuer of currency in the world. It is also the most successful. The purchasing power of the pound today is only 7 per cent of what it was in 1950, which means that Britain has suffered more from inflation in the second half of this century than most leading economies. But a longer perspective shows that the British authorities have actu-

ally done an outstanding job. In the 97 years since 1900 the pound has fallen to roughly 5 per cent of its initial value. That may seem a horrendous loss, but it is not nearly as bad as it seems when considered in the appropriate perspective. The average annual inflation of 4.7 per cent which, through the magic of compound interest, produces this dreadful result was actually rather low by international standards. Indeed, during the same cened to 5 per cent, the German mark, the French franc and the yen were all reduced to less than 0.1 per cent of their intial value. This means that Britain's record of long-term price stability has been 50 times better than these countries'. More significant from a practical standpoint is the fact that money invested in the government securities sold 100 years ago by the Bank of England would today be worth more,

I do not have figures going

1988 to 1996 (a period which and Major bust) Britain's in-

flation has averaged 296 per back to 1900, but the Giltcent annually, indistinguish-6 Only America and Switzerland can

boast a record comparable to this **9**

Equity study published annually by BZW, the Londonbased merchant bank, shows that gilt-edged securities produced a positive real return of 1.9 per cent annually in the 76 years from 1919 to 1995. This means that £1,000 invested in gilts in 1919 would be worth about £200,000 today - four times the investment's original value after allowing for inflation. In the same period Ger-man, Japanese and French

able from the 2.97 per cent in Germany and lower than the 3.3 per cent recorded in the US. Among the G7 countries, only France and Japan have recently done better than Britain in controlling domestic inflation - and both of these countries have arguably gone too far with their antiinflatonary policies, precipitat-

long-term financial stability

Before I am accused of

indulging in absurd anachro-nisms which have no possible

bearing on today's conditions,

let me turn to some more up-

to-date statistics on both the

internal and the external pur-

Over the eight years from

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ing serious deflationary crises. Now consider the international value of the pound. market dealers a few days ago,

been a relatively weak currency, against fewer than five who believed that it had been relatively strong. Needless to say this was a trick question. Since January 2, 1977, the

the following question: has

sterling been stronger or

weaker than most other G7

currencies over the past 20

years? The show of hands was

predictable: about 70 people

thought that the pound had

pound has fallen substantially against the yen and the mark and depreciated slightly about 2 per cent) against the dollar. It has risen slightly against the franc and signifi-cantly against the lira and the Canadian dollar. On balance, therefore, the pound has been

neither strong nor weak in the past two decades, but exactly in the middle of the seven main trading currencies. Looking ahead, the picture for Britain is equally reassuring on the inflation front. For

all the controversy about the Chancellor's refusal to raise interest rates, the Bank's own forecasts for inflation suggest that there is absolutely no cause for alarm. As the top chart shows, the Bank actually believes that there is a better than 50 per cent chance of pushing inflation below the 2.5 per cent target during the next

Bonuses not *iustified* From Mr D. R. McCormick

Sir, The directors and setish Amicable proposed bonus payments to themselves of up to £4 million from an ill-considered demumalisation plan.

The beneficiaries of this largesse identified themselves and no doubt agreed the ratio in which the money would be shared between them.

12 months. It is only from mid-1998 that the Bank fears an

acceleration - and this could

easily be prevented by a

modest tightening of either

monetary or fiscal policy later this year. This fairly benign

outlook is also what the finan-

cial markets now expect, as

shown in the bottom charts

lalso drawn from this week's

Inflation Report). The left-

hand chart shows that mar-

kets now expect only a half-

point increase in interest rates,

to between 6.5 and 6.75 per

cent, after the election. The

right-hand chart shows that

markets see no substantial

difference between monetary

conditions in Britain and

Germany in the long-term. The Bank's analysis of market

bond yields shows that British

rates are expected to stay in a

over the next ten years, while

German rates rise steadily

towards the British level. This

suggests that interest rates in

Germany are substantially

lower today than they are in

Britain largely because of the

different cyclical positions of

the two economies and not

because long-term inflation is

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Looking at the pound's per-

formance in the currency mar-

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impression. Last year the pound was the world's stron-

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future is, of course, unpredict-

able. I personally expect it to

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may not be worth the paper

they are printed on: what

matters is that no one in the

currency markets any longer

dismisses the possibility of a

fundamentally strong pound.

that Britain's methods of mon-

etary management are beyond

improvement. Much could be

done both to make the Bank of

England more accountable

and to expand its present

ridiculously narrow remit,

which requires it to focus on

Such incremental reforms

would certainly be desirable,

but it is simply nonsense to suggest that Britain can only

maintain stable prices by com-

promising the democratic con-

trol of economic policy — or by

giving up its national sover-eignty. There is a perfectly

reasonable alternative to EMU and central bank inde-

pendence: to leave well alone.

inflation and nothing else.

None of the above means

Germany than it is here.

The only justification for such payments would be that the recipients had been responsible for adding additional value to the funds of the with-profits shareholders who are the owners of the business.

But these are the same people who destroyed much value in the with-

profits funds. They were happy to take had pension business when it was obvious that a policyholder who was giving up the employer's con-tribution and taking on the higher costs of a personal pension would retire with lower benefits. The substantial costs of identifying these cases and making restitution to the victims is met by the with-profits policyholders.

Equity requires that the total of these costs be charged against any termination payment or bonus which might otherwise have been paid to them in the ratios which they themselves have set.

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Monetary union ends rate choice

From Mr James Hartley

how, on the one hand, we hear Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, advocating the case for joining the European single currency, and, on the other, in his periodic meetings with the Gov-

ernor of the Bank of

England, he refuses hikes in bank base rate. Does the Chancellor not realise that in the event of UK membership of the single currency, he or his successors would be told what bank rate will prevail by the European Central Bank, thereby denying any regulation of the UK economy by changing UK bank rate?

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Yours sincerely

tury when the purchasing power of the pound depreciatfamilies would have lost all Addressing a seminar of cortheir savings many times over. porate treasurers and money Only America and Switzer-

D&A's eye-catching campaign

Paul Durman on how optician hopes to make us see sense

had a problem. The trouble with being Britain's biggest optician is that no one really likes to wear-

The point is most graphically made by an estimate that there are up to five million drivers on Britain's roads who need glasses but who choose not to wear them. The same message emerged from D&A's own research. Even many people with glasses do not wear them because of a lack of confidence

in their appearance.
Alisdair Luxmoore, D&A's marketing director, said: Wearing spectacles is perceived as negative by almost everyone. Women fear an utter loss of feminity - there really was this perception that they weren't going to get passes when they were wearing glasses. Whereas for men. it was a case of 'rugby players don't wear glasses' - a sign of weakness, a physical interpretation of it."

Italians are not so selfconscious. D&A's sister company in Italy is able to sell "clear glass" spectacles to cus-tomers with good eyesight who like to wear them as a fashion accessory. In Germany, too, some people will change their glasses like

they change their ties. This insight was the catalyst for D&A to make important changes to the way it sells glasses. The overhaul includes a new corporate identity and slogan, changes to the appearance and layout of the compa-



ny's 440 branches and a £2 million television advertising campaign starring Burt Reynolds, starting on Sunday. In part, this is a belated

response to the threat posed by SpecSavers, competitors that promise customers cheap prices and a one-hour fitting. D&A and its staff claim it offers a better-quality service. and the new approach and advertising will attempt to make the most of this.

The campaign, developed by Lowe Howard Spink, uses the slogan: "Where everyone gets star treatment. As some-

one who has recently begun wearing glasses, Burt Reyn-olds, with his reputation for vanity and his willingness to poke fun at himself, was seen

D&A, or rather Vantios, its parent company, is also working towards a stock market flotation, though probably not before next year. The company was bought out of Gallaher, the Benson & Hedges cigarettes manufacturer, in a £94 million deal backed by CVC Capital Partners in July 1994. Mair Barnes, the former

managing director of Woolworths who was Business-

woman of the Year in 1989, was brought in 18 months ago as executive chairman to beef up the management team. She recruited Russell Hardy from Safeways to be managing director, while Mr Luxmoore joined from Vauxhall.

D&A is aiming to make the process of buying glasses easier and more enjoyable, and to give customers a better chance of choosing the "right" pair for them. Just as with clothes. there are basic rules that can help customers to select glasses that will look good on them. Most people know they should

Since a pilot programme last July, D&A has retrained all staff in understanding the four key issues: facial shape, depth (the distance from eyebrows to nostrils), skin and hair tone, and personality or image.

This "Styleyes" programme is being backed up with computer with camera that allows the customer to compare his or her appearance wearing different pairs of spectacles. Computereyes, so far introduced to 70 branches, can show the customer four images side by side, and allows the salesperson to show the effect of different frame and lens types.

Mr Luxmoore said Styleyes has already brought big bene-fits in terms of customer satisfaction ratings. Although he is cagey on figures, there is also some evidence that it is persuading customers to spend

slightly more on their glasses. The refurbishment of the branches in D&A's new corporate colours of blue and caramel also acknowledges stead of centrally located desks, customers will in future be able to talk to their optician in small booths to one side of

D&A has so far converted only three of its existing stores. The cost involved means that D&A is unlikely to be able to complete the conversion programme before Vantios comes

to market.



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At The Live Centre



By Marianne Curphey INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

WILLIS CORROON said yesterday it "remained sceptical" about the benefits of a merger with one of the big six insurance brokers, as it unveiled fullyear results.

The City has speculated that Willis might link up with Sedgwick, following the announcement by Aon. a rival broker, that it was merging its operations with Alexander & Alexander. Max Taylor, group executive director, said: "We still remain sceptical about the benefits of scale for the sake of it."

Willis reported a 13 per cent rise in profit to £89.1 items and tax for the year to December 31 at actual exchange rates. This included a £3.1 million loss from movements in ex-

John Reeve, executive chairman, warned that there were "continuing. frequently severe, falls in premium rates for most classes of risk."

He added that competition in the US retail market was intensifying. UK insurance broking has been suffering from the effects of a mature and intensely competitive broking worldwide.

Willis's results included E14.5 million of profit commission from the group's Lloyd's members agency, offset by a £6.3 million contribution towards Lloyd's Reconstruction and Renewal plan.

Profits on disposals of £2.5 million took the total pre-tax profit to £91.6 milrose from 7p to 13p but the dividend per share has been maintained at 6.6p. Mr Taylor said the dividend would not necessarily remain unchanged for the year.

The results also include redundancy costs of £11.3 million. Staff numbers the past year.



Sid Taylor, left, and Malcolm Jones, chief executive, celebrate a £2 million profit by Bensons Crisps, seeking growth in snacks

Philips profits eroded by restructuring costs

controlled.

PHILIPS, the Dutch electronics group, suffered a severe decline in annual pre-tax profits, which fell to £200 million from £900 million affected by problems in all of its divisions,

it was announced yesterday. Philips said that the drop was primarily because of a one-off charge of £600 million — compared to £60 million last year - relating to Grundig, its German partner, and other restruc-

tion, the fashion group, rose 15

per cent yesterday after it

reported booming second-half

trading and predicted that its

full-year profits will be much

higher than expected (Sarah

The company said that im-

Cunningham writes

collapse of the semiconductor There was a fourth quarter

loss of £310 million, compared to last year's profit of £220 The share price in Amsterdam was not affected by the

results, which had been ex-

French Connection sales leap

months of the year to January

31. Pre-tax profit for the year.

due to be announced in April,

would be around £6 million,

the company said. El million

Total retail sales in the year

were up 32 per cent with both

above City predictions.

pected after the reporting of increasing losses during 1996. Philips said that based on the current economic outlook, it is confident that its ongoing

According to Mr Boonstra grow, but investments in fixed the group will weed out underassets will be tightly performers and make its units more accountable to the head Speculation about a pos-

sible splitting up of the group was denied by Cor Boostra, He denied that the relationship with PolyGram, the 75-per-cent-owned music and film company, was under review. He also reaffirmed the president. He said that Philips was pursuing its previously announced strategy of evaluating its units and preparing budgets for its busi-Philips' commitment to its nesses. Mr Boonstra added: troubled Sound and Vision "We're exactly in line with what we stated. We stick to our unit, which produces tele-visions and audio equipment.

Analysts have speculated that Mr Boonstra might be tempted to fulfil his target of maximising value to Philips shareholders by splitting up the company.

De La Rue, the UK bank note printers, is to buy Philips' Farhi stores delivering 20 per Smart Cards & Systems David Bernstein, chairman, (PSCS). It said in a statement that its subsidiary, De La Rue said the company wants to expand its US retail chain Technology, and PSCS, which from 13 to around 17 stores is located in France, have been working together in the UK and is also planning to expand since June 1993.

PSCS is a leading supplier French Connection shares

of smart cards to a variety of sectors. It employs around 300

De La Rue said: "Industry predictions show the smart card industry achieving rapid growth over the next five years as the agreement of international standards in all sectors supports volume roll-out of smart cards, and the associat-

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shares rose 5p to 4012p. BT's French ally clinches

Bensons

Crisps out

of the red

BENSONS CRISPS, the crisp and snacks company. has returned to profit after

spending two years in the red

(Sarah Cunningham writes).

In the year to November 30 pre-tax profits were £2.03 mil-

lion, against a loss of £750,000

a year earlier. The recovery

was partly because of the re-

launch of Bensons branded

crisps, with a new design,

higher-quality packaging and better potatoes, which lifted

the range's sales volumes by

The company's share of the

risp market has remained

steady, at 6.5 per cent. Sid Taylor, chairman, said

that Bensons plans to increase

its 4.5 per cent market share in

snacks and last month fitted processing line for tortillas. Earnings were 4p a share (lp loss). A 0.75p final divi-

dend, due on April 23, makes 1p. No dividend was paid last

year. Gearing has eased from 64 per cent to 16 per cent. The

20 per cent in the year.

telecom deal FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

BT is in a strong position to attack the lucrative French telecommunications market after an alliance between its partner, Cegetel, and the country's railways, analysts said

yesterday. Cegetel, a subsidiary of Compagnie Général des Eaux (CGE), the public utilities to media group, will be able to exploit almost 9.000km of fibre optic cables alongside the railway network. The agreement will make Cegetel, in which BT has a 25 per cent stake, a credible challenger to France Telecom in the deregulated European telecommuni-

cations market next year. CGE and Bouygues, its French rival, had been engaged in a fierce battle for the right to use cables laid by SNCF railways, with experts warning that the loser would tack the infrastructure to compete with the state-owned France Telecom. Although France Telecom is certain to domin Fri00 billion market, rivals say that they can exploit its

Jean-Marie Messier, chairman of CGE, believes its turnover will rise from Fr4 billion in 1995 to Fr40 billion in 2003. Analysts said that the deal with SNCF made his prediction realistic. A spokesman for SNCF made clear that BT's presence alongside CGE was a key factor: "BT is a of commercial know-how . . . " he said.

American General to acquire USLife

AMERICAN General Corp is to acquire USLife Corp, a rival financial services company with major life insurance operations, for \$1.8 billion in shares. The acquisition comes amid consolidation in the American life insurance industry and follows weeks of speculation that USLife might be a takeover candidate. American General said that it will pay \$49 worth of its own common stock for each USLife share. American General is a diversified financial services company that provides retirement services, consumer loans and life insurance to nine million customers. It had 1996 sales of \$10.9 billion, and has about 15,300 employees. USLife, also a holding company, has operations in life and health insurance and other financial services. Its 1996 sales were \$1.6 billion.

BAA traffic up 5.2%

BAA reported that traffic at its seven UK airports increased 5.2 per cent in fanuary, handling a total of 6.7 million passengers. The increase would have been 6 per cent but for fog disruption at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted, which reduced the number of passengers by about 30,000. Flights using BAA airports also increased, with total air movements up 4.2 per cent, at 77,395 landings and take-offs. Cargo tonnage was up 7.6 per cent, at 112,000 tonnes.

Guernsey growth

THE POST OFFICE, British Energy, National Express Group and the Britannia Building Society were among 40 organisations in establish captive insurance companies in Guernsey last year. With 12 companies surrendering licences, the net increase was 28, taking the total of offshore insurance registrations in Guernsey to 335. Steve Butterworth, Superintendent of Insurance, said that surrenders were mainly because of mergers and acquisitions.

Tamaris raises £7.45m

TAMARIS GROUP, the operator of nursing homes, is raising £7.45 million through the sale and leaseback of three homes to IHP, a subsidiary of the United Bank of Kuwait's Healthcare Fund based in Guernsey. The three homes, with a total of 219 registered beds, are currently held by Tamaris at an aggregate freehold value of £6.44 million, and the transaction, which requires shareholder approval, will give rise to a profit of £1 million before expenses.

TeleWest post settled

STEPHEN DAVIDSON was finally confirmed yesterday as chief executive of TeleWest Communications, the largest cable company. He had been in an acting role since August and had expected to be confirmed in the post last November. TeleWest also confirmed the appointment of Charles Burdick, who has been acting chief financial officer. Mr Davidson is expected to consolidate TeleWest's position with the acquisition of one or more of the smaller cable operators.

Glen Electric expands

GLEN ELECTRIC, a subsidiary of Glen Dimplex, the privately owned Irish electrical heating appliance manufacturer, is to invest £5 million in its Newry plant in Northern Ireland. The investment, assisted by the Industrial Development Board, will create a further 100 jobs at the plant, which already employs e Great Damp above Ir£500 million, also announced the purchase of a 49 per cent stake in Muller, its French equivalent.

EU jobless total dips

UNEMPLOYMENT in the European Union eased to an average 10.8 per cent in December from 10.9 per cent in the previous month. Those out of work fell to 18.1 million from 18.2 million. The principal reason was a drop in the unemployment rate in Britain to 7.5 per cent from 7.3 per cent, according to Eurostat, the EU statistics agency. Luxembourg had the EU's lowest unemployment at 3.5 per cent and Spain continued to have the highest at 22.2 per cent.

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QUEEN'S ANNIVERSARY PRIZES

John O'Leary introduces a four-page report on the initiatives in higher education which yesterday were rewarded by the Queen

A chance for recognition

here is not much good news in higher educa-The long-awaited re-vival of expansion is in doubt, funding levels are expected to decline further whoever wins the election, and universities are having to withstand criticism over standards.

Yesterday, however, there was an opportunity to celebrate some undoubted successes with the second round of Queen's Anniversary Prizes. Conceived as higher education's equivalent of the Queen's Award for Industry and launched two years ago, the scheme offers high-profile recognition for some of the most innovative and worthwhile ventures in universities and colleges.

Sir Stewart Sutherland, Principal of Edinburgh University, one of the winners, said: "I and, I suspect, all my fellow Vice-Chancellors and Principals place a very high value on a Queen's Prize. For us, it represents both a welcome external acknowledgement of particular achievement and an opportunity to draw that achievement to the attention of the widest audience."

Each institution was limited to one entry, which had to demonstrate "world-class success". The 120 projects were

Awards for some of the best ideas in

universities

and colleges higher quality than many they saw two years earlier. Ken Robbie, director of the Queen's Anniversary Prizes Office, said: The first round was

pretty good, but institutions

seemed to take particular care with their choice of entry this time and to take greater pains with their presentation." The winning entries went through a rigorous selection process before specialists whittled down the field to a final shortlist. The awards council, chaired by Lord Younger of Prestwick, the former Cabinet

minister, settled for 23 winners - two more than in 1994. Three were second-time winners: Oxford University for work in molecular medicine, Queen's University Belfast for environmental research and training, and the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology for technological and scientific partnerships

did not all come from such famous seats of learning. Greenhead Sixth Form College, in Huddersfield, for example, won recognition for a monitoring system which has een a dramatic improvement in students' examination performance. Dr Kevin Conway, the Principal, was one of the first to develop the type of "value-added" measurement which all the political parties now advocate.

Other winners included Liverpool Hope College, which has been training Tibet-an teachers in India for a decade, and Sheffield College, where a new qualification has been developed for braille skills teaching.

All 23 winners received their gold medals yesterday from the Queen. The successes were celebrated at a Guildhall banquet, in the City of London. Planning for the third of the five rounds of prizes has already begun, with a likely closing date for entries little more than a year away. The assessment process is expected to be similar to last year's. with the winners announced at the end of 1998. Mr Robbie said: "It is not too soon for institutions to start thinking about their entries. We will be issuing the invitation to enter



Music students from Edinburgh University in the ruins of Sarajavo's City Hall





University of Birmingham: The Wroxeter Project: archaeology, technology and the community.

Carlisle College: Educational access throughout life.

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Greenhead Sixth Form College: Performance monitoring to realise student potential. Bringing young women into the University of Hult: Social work

practice: consultancy, teaching and research. King's College London: Medical law and ethics: teaching, research and public debate. Leeds Metropolitan Univerconservation: teaching and University of Manchester: Bio-logical sciences: multidisciplinary teaching and research. Middlesex University: Learning in the workplace: off-campus learning, training and

research for commerce, industry and public services. Liverpool Hope College: The Ladakh Project: teaching and training in India for Tibetans. The London institute: Paper College of North West London: East European links: expertise and skills transferring to Bulgaria and Russia. The Open University: Teacher training: opening up careers through part-time distance

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teaching and research.

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University of York: Computer science: teaching, research

And the band played on

SCOTISH WINNERS ...

images of the Bosnian conflict is a film of Vedran Smailovic playing the cello in a war-ravaged street of Sarajevo. To the outside world symbolised the triumph of the human spirit. To Vedran's friends it was the inspiration to restore some kind of normality to a city torn apart. To one, Professor Nigel

Osborne, who has played alongside him, it was confirmation that music can have the most profound effect on people, particularly when their lives have been

helping to restore

sanity We helped through had absolutely nothing," he says.

Their lives had been wrecked.

their homes had

been destroyed and the schools were no longer functioning. We needed to find them some sort of meeting ground and for

"We explored ways of getting them back to school and found that we were able to bring children of all faiths together through creative work, experimenting with music, drama, dance and art. We helped them to live again like children, to make them laugh and to make them sad, too, because that is part of

This work is continuing on a long-term basis with the help of third-year music students from Edinburgh University. where Professor Osborne runs the prizewinning music in the community course. There are links with Sarajevo University and small groups regularly travel to Mostar, visiting every primary school in turn to encourage musical activity.

The Edinburgh course emerged from a collaboration with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, helping music teachers to develop creativity.

ing, research and development has taken students into Scottish schools, hospitals, social work centres and prisons.

Professor Osborne says: "So many can benefit. We have had a West African drummer helping children with pro-found learning difficulties. Simple rhythms can also help old people with dementia to regain moments of self-respect. We have developed a form of tactile notation for the visually impaired from simple objects like forks or cups.

"A long-term prisoner who three years ago knew not a Professor Osborne's way of note of music is having his opera performed in Edinburgh this

month." The second of them to live the Scottish prizes goes to the University of Strath-clyde for the again like children' world-class teach-

led by Professor Owen Farish which has partnerships with major power across the world.

Its graduate developmen scheme for potential leaders in the industry, the technical equivalent of the Master of **Business Administration** (MBA), has achieved such recognition that its first overseas course is now in its second year in Hong Kong, where the centre has close links with the China Light and Power Company. A course is due to start in Thailand for engineers from its power companies. Talks are under way for setting up a

course in Malaysia. Korea is already involved in research projects and Indonesia is a possible future partner. A spin-off company, Diagnostic Monitoring Systems, set up last year as a result of the centre's pioneering work on substation design, supplies equipment to Italy, Brazil, Hong Kong and Germany.

ALAN JENKINS

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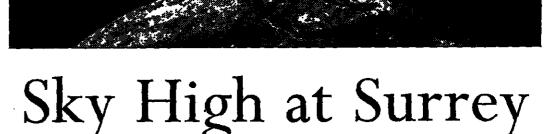
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Groundbreaking research in the field of satellite engineering and communications has won the University of Surrey a Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education. In another boost for the University's Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering, it achieved the top 5* ranking in the

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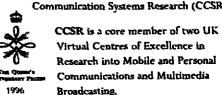
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Vital ground to plant a culture of learning

David Charter on where 'Mr Fixit' says higher education must go next

ir Ron Dearing is es-pecially well placed to appreciate the calibre of British colleges and universities and the esteem in The former Post Office chair-Government's education Mr Fixit for leading successive, important reviews of the curriculum, qualifications, and, now, higher education.

The importance of his role in designing a system that enhances the kind of excellence recognised by the Queen's Anniversary Prizes made him a natural choice for introducing last night's prizes ceremony, held at London's ny, held Guildhall.

Sir Ron sees his mission as redefining the structure and aims of British higher educaa decade of rapid growth. As chairman of the Government's National Committee of Inquiry into Higher Education, he has already toured education Kingdom, Japan and Australia for a view of what the future might hold.

Several key themes are emerging. Sir Ron, who attended university as a mature student, has made no secret of his desire to extend the benefits of university-level education to areas of society which still feel excluded.

The expansion of higher education has seen no significant change in the social background of students. Last October Sir Ron appealed to universities to set up HE centres on working-class estates to reach those who feel

"I'm told that on some working-class estates there isn't an HE culture." he said. "In fact, there might even be an anti-HE culture. We've got to go in and establish units

Sir Ron is also known to favour closer links between academe and the needs of industry and commerce. This week he met Chris Hum-



From this has grown wider

participation with other col-

leges and businesses which led

BY THE end of May the most detailed plan of a Roman city ever produced in

Britain will be complete -

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Heritage and volunteers from the local community.

Hidden beneath more

than 150 acres of Shropshire

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Roman city in Britain to

remain unscathed by later

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phries, who, as director of to the university department and keeping teachers im-mersed in the latest policy and strategy at the national Training and Enter-

prise Council, represents the 81 regional training and enterprise councils, to hear his arguments that universities should be remodelled as large-

ly local vocational training Mr Humphries told him that the emergence of small and medium-size enterprises as the top graduate employers should dictate this radical new approach to higher education

in Britain. Several of the prizewinning projects suggest models for the way that the key objectives of proadening participation and ing can work at their best.

Sir Ron will be especially interested to learn from Leeds Metropolitan University's pioneering scheme to link individual postgraduate students with specific local companies.

immediate benefits have flowed for both sides, with an innovative researcher bringing workplace challenges back for local firms.

The work of Middlesex University is also likely to inform Sir Ron's review. It has won recognition for giving employees the chance to have their skills recognised by a qualification, without the need to leave work to study.

ir Ron will want to examine the secret of Middlesex's success it has 500 students on the accreditation programme and aims to double this within

Not only do the students benefit by a formal recognition of their skills, which can then be targeted for development through further relevant study, but the companies also realise where their strengths lie and can direct their own staff development accordingly.

Prize citation for Middlesex's work could act as a summary for Sir Ron's own aims. The university is praised for "bearing directly upon a vital area of need in all industrial and developed economies ... its strategy brings obvious benefit to organisations in times of change and reliable qualifica-

part of the city had previous-

ly been excavated, including

the Roman baths, now on

Dr Vince Gaffney, director

of the Wroxeter Project from

the University of Birming-

ham, says: The plan will be as detailed as it is possible to

construct without excavating

the whole city, which would

involved in the Wroxeter

Project since 1953 and in 1994

display to the public.



Children in SOS children's village, Dharamsala, India, with students from Liverpool Hope's Ladakh project

Nach summer for the past ten years, lecturers from Liverpool Hope College have travelled to India to train Tibetan teachers in the villages in which 10,000 Tiber-an children have been exiled. Undergraduates from the college have flown to India to carry out teacher training practice in Tibetan schools. That is why Liverpool Hope is one of the winners in the 1996 round of the Queen's Anniversary Prizes. "I think

we won because of what it did

for us as well as what it did for

the people we were working

with," Dr Susan O'Brien, the

college's Pro-Rector, says. To

began to piece together the layout of the city. Mainly funded by the Leverhulme

Trust and BT, the virtual

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ed on a graphical database.

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"Teams of international

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A Roman city brought to life

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY PROJECT

Where there is Hope

pay for the project, the college set up a charity. Hope One World, into which staff contribute. The rest of the funding comes from SOS Children's Villages UK, an organisation set up almost 50 years ago to

oratory and more than 300

volunteers have gathered data. We will be able to

provide plans of buildings

and have even traced a large

fire which destroyed up to 15

per cent of the city in its leyday," Dr Gaffney says. Dr Gaffney says: "Tech-

nology is the future of heri-

tage management and

archaeology. We want to reach people of all ages and

backgrounds and hope to

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As a result, 900 teachers have been able to teach the Tibetan refugees in the area of Ladakh. Such is the success of the Ladakh project that it has become a model for similar

workshops in Nigeria and for schools of SOS Children's Villages in India. Another winner in the field of education is the School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS) at the University of London, which runs Masters programmes in economics and finance via distance learning. That initiative was origi-nally pioneered to train civil

Development Agency.
One of the early SOAStrained economists ended up as a Vice Minister of Finance and Planning in Mozambique and a second became Minister of Trade and Tourism.

servants of war-ravaged Mo-

zambique and was funded by

the Swedish International

Julie Davies, programme manager of the Centre for International Education in Economics at SOAS, is convinced the MSc must have

helped them. "The country was moving towards a market very useful to them." she says.

Today the centre offers post-graduate courses to some 700 students in 70 countries, in-cluding South Africa, Namibia, Cambodia, Vietnam and the United States of America.

hester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST) has won a prize for its links with Japan, which go back more than 100 years. But it has been the effect of the rise of Japanese economic power and its relevance to British technical education that has led to the rapid development of its pro-

UMIST has formalised relations with two Japanese technical universities for joint research, student exchanges and staff transfers. At the same time, effort is put into creating opportunities for British companies in Japan.

The College of North West London has won an award for the programmes it developed to enable Bulgarian and Russian institutions to reform their teaching, particularly in business studies

In Bulgaria the college now has connections with 30 institutions in 19 towns. In Russia it has developed a similar relationship with the Ministry

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REPRESENTING MERSEYSIDE IN THE QUEEN'S ANNIVERSARY



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Linda Pullen on a course providing practical experience to those preparing to become social workers

Students who play happy families

ull University hopes the Queen's Prize will help its unique socialwork agency to win contracts if the Government goes ahead

with privatisation plans.
The Family Assessment and
Support Unit (FASU) gives practical experience under su-pervision to students preparing for diplomas in social work. Set up in 1994, the unit has helped more than 500 families referred by social services. A further 2,000 have received counselling through schemes provided by

It claims success in more than 60 per cent of cases at no cost to social services, and 85 per cent of people seeking help feel more able to cope afterwards. It has also done research on bullying and aggression in pre-school children, young car-crime offenders and the effects of autism on

The prize citation describes the agency as "unique and of emphatic world-class. It sets out a pathway in the efficient study, teaching and resolution of recurring problems in the social-service field and provides an innovative practical basis of significant internationai research".

Three schemes that help small companies to boost business by tapping into academic expertise at Leeds Metropolitan University were described the judges as "trail-

the university's Teaching Company Scheme a business needing help can call in an expert in fields such as marketing or environmental management. It has so far helped 54 projects which have, on average, produced profits double the initial investment.

Company Associate Partnership Scheme, brings in help from further education colleges and has already aided 33 companies. Another 40 developments are in the pipeline. The third project, Univentures International Ltd, links entrepreneurs with ideas gathered worldwide by the university.

The judges described the initiatives as "a pioneering and highly productive rela-tionship between academe and industry". Peter Rodgers, the university's External Business Development Centre head, said: "It is often thought that people in universities don't speak the same language as business people and don't understand the real needs of the business community.

We have proved that you can break down these barriers with practical projects to im-prove companies' profitability as well as performance. Graduates involved in these schemes also get a tremendous boost at the beginning of their career as they take on high profile and responsible roles ithin the companies."

York University's computer science department is internationally recognised as a centre of excellence. The citation for its prize says: "It couples highquality teaching with the practical research and training needs of industry and commerce at a level recognised as world-class.'

It undertakes more industrially sponsored research than any other British university, currently holding about a fifth of the contracts in the market. It has established partnerships with leading companies and many of its graduates go on to jobs with them. The university provides postgraduate courses as part of dev-



Students preparing for diplomas in social work under the FASU's supervision discuss their casework with a lecturer



Five hundred families have benefited from the social service provided by the FASU

elopment programmes for internationally famous firms such as Ford and Siemens.

The department is also a world leader in modern commercial computer system applications, from aircraft and nuclear power plants to implanted medical devices and rail transport. One group is

working on software safety analysis which detects aircraft faults, makes corrections and advises pilots and air traffic controllers on their next actions.

Another group is developing "data suits". Body sensors will allow wearers to operate a computer with the slightest

gesture or movement. The concept would provides a useful tool for blind or deaf

Sheffield College's course in braille is the first to provide a fully accredited new qualification. The programme was created-by Vicki-Jackson, a lecturer, who realised the diffibiological sciences to work together, established The School, a scientific community designed to promote research and educational

> standards in biology. Central to its function is collaboration between scientists and clinicians, between biologists and other academic disciplines, with industry and with the community. To date, benefits include groundbreaking discoveries about the way in which wounds heal, work that has led directly to new techniques for the treatment of Parkinson's disease and the identification of a new

type of drug resistance in cancer therapy.

These results have been accompanied by a dramatic increase in the number of students, and within a decade this department has established a worldwide reputation for the quality of its teaching and research. A building to host joint ventures with industry is due for completion next year.

Professor Tony Trinci, the dean, is confident that this facility will deliver benefits of national significance. "It will support further discovery in this crucial field of science well into the next century," he says.

Diabetes is one of the world's most persistant diseases, afflicting over 100 million people worldwide, with 500,000 insulin-dependent sufferers in the UK.

The establishment of the

Diabetes and Vascular Health Education and Research Centre at the University of Exeter in 1993 has involved the harnessing of healthcare and academic endeavour. The result is an internationally acclaimed research programme with a rare specialisation in microvascular work, and innovative models of care for people with diabetes.

A wide array of technol-

World leaders in their fields

MEDICINE

n 1986 the University of vessel pressure has been assembled using computer, laser and television technol-Manchester, recognis-Ling the need for the various branches of the ogy at an advanced level. Professor John Tooke, the director, says: "The unique technologies we are now using hold the key to the understanding of diabetic complications." programmes of the highest

The revolution in biology has led to the development of new branches of science molecular and cell biology. in 1989 the University of Oxford decided on an inno-vative approach to the problems posed by the new branches of science. The result was an Institute of Molecular Medicine, intended to address the shortage of laboratories, staff. equipment and clinicians with the expertise to compete in this type of research. Recognised as an important influence in the international development of molecular medicine, the institute has produced more than 1,500 vital research papers and made significant breakthroughs in genetic diseases, cancer, childhood infections and Aids.

Changes in science are raising profound questions for all of us: choosing the sex of children, animal organ transplants, and selective abortion in twin pregnancies, are three of the topics under debate.

Since its establishment in 1978, the Centre of Medical Law and Ethics. King's College London, has developed an outstanding reputation for world class teaching and research in the area of medical law and ethics. It undertakes both individual and collaborative research, analysing and suggesting solutions to the legal and ethical problems facing practitioners.

Professor Arthur Lucas the Principal of King's Coliege, says: The centre influences decisions on issues that affect every member of society, whether directly or by its influence on the ethical climate in which we

ogies for investigating-aspects of human small-blood ROS DRINKWATER

WHEN the number of science A-level entries from girls at Hackney Community College, east London, fell to three in 1990, the science department felt it was time to act, and in doing so won a Queen's Anniversary Prize, Amanda Loose writes

Pat Mahoney, head of student support, says. The fall reflected national trends. We felt we had to encourage talented young women to take

particular perspective to scientific issues, such as reproduction and genetic engineering, which we can't afford to lose. Between 1991 and 1996 we had 198 female A-level entries. More than 70 girls have gone on to study science at university.

The college promotion of female recruitment also benefited male pupils. One said that an advantage was that boys argued whether a+b up the sciences. They bring a equals c and girls asked why."





A Queen's Anniversary prize for clinical microvascular research

The unique clinical microvascular research being conducted by the Diabetes and Vascular Health Education and Research Centre forms a key activity of the University's interdepartmental institute of Clinical Science, run in rtnership with the Royal Devon and Exeter Healthcare NHS Trust, other Research Divisions include cancer research, molecular genetics, medical physics, biological chemistry and children's health and exercise science, complementing etgraduate Medical School expertise in health care evaluation, mental health, primary care and complementary medicine. For further information regarding the research, educational and

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"I was working with adults

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motivation," she said. "Know-

ing human nature, I knew it

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for." Only half of registered

blind people use braille, and

the figure plummets to less

than one in ten among those who lose their sight as they get

The course is modular, with

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by correspondence. It was

launched four years ago with

only two people, but now has

34, with more on a waiting list.

About half are blind, the rest

want a qualification for jobs as

Six other colleges around Britain have taken up the programme and seven others

are due to start soon. Cath

Harding, a college official, said braille was usually dealt

with by social services, not

education departments. "This

course has brought it into

mainstream education," she

says. The prize citation ap-

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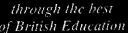
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Lucy Hodges on the Open University's pioneering teacher-training programme

he Open University (OU) has won a Queen's Anniversary Prize for its pioneering teacher-training programme — the first to apply distance-learning techniques to postgraduate teacher educa-

Launched in 1994, the OU's Postgraduate Certificate in Education enables would-be teachers to train while in fulltime work and was specifically designed to tap the huge pool of mature entrants to the teaching profession.

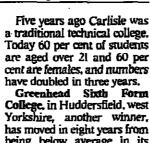
The programme also pio-neered the use of information technology as an integral part of its teaching methods, ensuring that teachers emerge at least as computer-literate as their pupils. Students are lent a PC. printer and modem which are then donated to their in-service school. The course produces more than 1,000 teachers a year.

Middlesex University has

won a prize for its national centre for work-based learning partnerships which en-ables people in work to design degrees around what they are doing. "Our whole aim is to develop educational opportunities for people at work," Jacqueline Davies, learning development tutor, says. We're talking about building on people's experiences and developing them in workplace settings." Student numbers are 500 and expected to double

in the next two years.

Carlisle College has won a prize for its "Opening More Doors" initiative, launched in 1993 to break down barriers that prevent people continuing with their education. "We planned how we could do that. Everything from changing the physical environment to appointing staff who can provide counselling and guidance," Tony Jakimciw, the Vice-Principal, says.



College, in Huddersfield, west Yorkshire, another winner. has moved in eight years from being below average in its examination results to being among the top three sixth form colleges in the country for its A-level results. Students are assessed on

arrival at the school and targets are set in discussion with the students and parents. Monitoring takes place each term and immediate remedial action is taken where necessary. Targets are raised for students who improve. The demand for places has increased numbers from just over 500 to close to 1,300. Last year the A level pass rate was 95 per cent, with 68 per cent of pupils achieving A to C

The college takes pupils from nine partner schools so long as they have six grade Cs at GCSE. Almost 90 per cent of students go on to higher or



An Open University student on a teaching placement

SATELLITE RESEARCH

THE CENTRE for Satellite Engineering Research (CSER) at the University of Surrey leads the way in the research and development of microsatellites, Amanda Loose writes.

Professor Martin Sweeting. director of CSER, developed the first microsatellite in 1979. an efficient and affordable alternative to conventional satellites. Since then the university has launched Surrey Satellite Technology Limited (SSTL), the only company in Britain building and launching the new satellites on a

commercial basis. Professor Sweeting says: 'Microsatellites are small, weighing around 50kg, sophisticated and cheap to launch. They respond more rapidly, reaching their orbit in 18 to 24 months, compared with the five to ten years it takes conventional satellites.

They also have many uses, from orbiting the Earth and relaying images, to e-mail communications, remote sensing and environmental monitoring. Although SSTL satellites are built by professional staff, the company enables students to be involved in research satellites."

The centre opened in 1992 and has more than 150 staff and postgraduate students.

INDUSTRIAL POTTUTION

THE QUESTOR Centre at Queen's University, Belfast, was established in 1989 to undertake research into environmental problems, in parroung writes. It is the only institution of its kind outside the United States, and its work has received international recognition.

Initial funding for the building and laboratories came from the International Fund for Ireland and later from the European Regional Develop-ment Fund, but its research work is largely financed by industrial partners who subscribe to become members.

The nine founder members include Du Pont, ICI and Coca-Cola.

Much of its work has been concentrated on the reduction of pollution in effluents, the restoration of contaminated land and problems associated with incineration. When Professor David Bellamy opened the first laboratory he described it as "a bright light

at the end of a dark tunnel". The centre's findings are not confined to its members. Every effort is made to ensure that the results of its research are made applicable to small and medium-sized companies as well as to its large corporate

Limitation

PRESERVING RECORDS

AMONG the greatest advances in conserving our cultural heritage has been the development of new techniques to restore and preserve fragile or damaged docu-ments, records and works of art, John Young writes.

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principal conservator and head of organic materials. She, while still at Camberwell, led a group working on the conservation of the John Piper cartoons in Chichester Cathedral and of several theatrical watercolours from the Garrick collection. Others are working on the papyrus to be displayed in a forthcoming exhibition of Egyptian mummies and on documents associated with the Calcutta Tercentenary

Lenny Hanson, a darkroom

technician at King's College Hospital before he went to Camberwell, is now curator of the Houghton Getty picture library where thousands of old photographs and films have been rescued from chemical decay. Other present and former students have advised on the conservation of the library of St Catherine's Monastery in the Sinai desert, the letters of Charles Dickens, John Bentley's architectural drawfor Westminster Cathe dral, Turner watercolours and Burne-Jones drawings in the Tate Gallery, and sketches by Beatrix Potter and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's brother, Dickie, in the Victoria and Albert Museum. Less conventional projects have included salvaging documents from the wreckage of the Piper Alpha oil platform and restoring a hydrogen balloon used by Sir John Franklin to send messages during his quest for the North-West Passage.

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Single possession order made

Albany Home Loans Ltd v private and family life, his home Massey and Another and his correspondence. There Massey v Albany Life Assur-Company Ltd and Others

Before Lord Justice Aldous and Lord Justice Schiemann Judgment February 121

In general an order for possession ought not to be made against one two joint borrowers where it would not advantage the lender because the other joint borrower was entitled to remain in possion. In those circumstar district judge ought to adjourn the proceedings with liberty to restore should the other borrower leave the property or an order for possession be made against the

The Court of Appeal so observed dismissing an appeal by Frank Reginald Massey, the first defen-dant in the first action, who was also the plaintiff in the second action, against an order for pos-session of 7 Corbar Way, Mile End, Stockport, Cheshire, made by order of Judge Hammond in Stockport County Court on April 4, 1995 in favour of Albany Home Loans Ltd, the plaintiff in the first action.
Article 8 of the European

Convention on Human Rights (1953, Cmd 8969) provides: "Every-one has a right to respect for his

Tabarrok v E. D. C. Lord &

Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord

Justice Aldous and Lord Justice

Where negligent advice caused a

plaintiff to guarantee another's

to run as soon as the plaintiff

suffered damage. It was a question

of fact in each case whether

damage was caused to the plaintiff

before the person whose debts

were guaranteed defaulted on

dismissing an appeal by Massoud Baradaran Tabarrok from the

refusal by Judge Catlin in Brent-

ford County Court on June 3, 1995

of his application for leave to

amend particulars of claim in his

action against E. D. C. Lord & Co.

a firm of solicitors, for breach of

Catho rejected the application on

the ground that the claims sought

to be raised by amendment were

statute-barred and did not arise

out of the same or substantially the

same facts as those already

Mr Alan Masters for the appel-

LORD JUSTICE ALDOUS said

The Court of Appeal so held

[Judgment February 6]

Co (a Firm)

may be no interference by a public except such as is in accordance with the law and is necessary ... for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others." Mr Martyn Berkin for the

the home loan company. SCHIEMANN said the appeal raised a point of general interest on

which counsel said there was no authority and a variety of practice. What was to be done in the situation where joint owners of property jointly mortgaged it, got into arrears on the payments, the letider applied for a possession order and one of the borrowers had an arguable defence to the application but the other had no defence?

Mr Massey's defence was that he was in arrears because he had been wrongfully dismissed by associate companies of Albany Home Loans Ltd by whom he was employed as a mortgage provider. That defence had been struck out by the judge because even if he was certain to succeed in his wrongful dismissal claim it was not a

there were three issues on the appeal. First, had the limitation

period expired? Second, did the

new cause of action arise out of the

facts and if so was it just to grant

The appellant had decided in

1986 to open a pizza restaurant. He

had purchased a company, Coolrise Ltd, and instructed the

defendant solicitors in connection

with the purchase of an underlease

of premises at 84 Clapham High

Coolrise went into occupation

before the necessary documents

were signed and entered into a

franchise agreement to operate a

Perfect Pizza restaurant. But in

December 1987 the appellant was

told that the landlord would not

approve the underlease until

dilapidations costing about

The appellant had felt he had no

choice but to spend the money and

did so. On February 3, 1989 the

underlease was executed. It con-

tained a clause by which the

In February 1992, Coolrise failed

to pay the rent and on November 9.

1992 the landlord obtained judg-

ment against Coolrise and the

appellant as surety for £34,000.
Placed in difficulties, Coolrise as-

£12,000 had been complet

for Coolrise.

leave to amend?

Street, London.

Limitation period over guarantee

with Mr Massey but also with his, wife Jacqueline, who had pleaded that as against her the mortgage should be set aside for undue influence. The lender had not, as yet anyway, obtained judgment for on against her.

The district judge on January 9, 1995 had ordered Mr Massey to give up possession of the property, against Mrs Massev.

The lender had not sought enforce the order prior to an adjudication on the wife's case and had proffered an undertaking that the order until an order was made cated voluntarily.

were no practical problems, but his mission that the judge ought not to Its result was that a husband was might be held in contempt for his wife was entitled to remain and invite whom she pleased.

Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights. although not enacted as part of domestic law, provided a clue to the solution of the problems posed

The summons in the instant

action was issued on January 28,

1993. Particulars of claim alleged

that the respondents were in breach of contract and negligent in respect of advice to Coolrise as to

dilapidations and the danger of entering into the franchise agree-

The proposed amendment

contract and tort on the basis that

the respondents owed a duty both

The respondents maintained

that the cause of action for both

breach and contract and neg-figence arose on February 3, 1989.

more than six years before the accepted date of March 31, 1995 for

ascertaining whether the limita-

The appellant submitted that time only began to run against him

as guarantor when Coolrise de-faulted. Mr Masters had relied on

dicta of Lord Diplock in Moschi v

Mr Pearce submitted that the

Len Air Services Ltd. [1973] AC 331.

appellant's argument was falla-cious. The fact that liability as a

obtaining the underlease.

contract and tort.

tion period expired.

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when it was made and at the present, was not necessary for the protection of the lender's rights. His Lordship referred to a dictum of Lord Templeman in Downsview Ltd v First City Corporation Ltd (1993) AC 295) Dudgment February 6 that powers conferred on a mort-gage must be exercised in good faith for the purpose of obtaining

in a case where the ejection of one of two borrowers was of no benefit to the lender it seemed to his Lordship that it was not in general right to make an order requiring him to leave within the period during which the other borrower was in possession and entitled to be in possession. That must particularly be the case where the borowers were husband

It was overstating the case for Mr Berkin to say that the court had no power to make such an order. But the court should have disposed of the case so that the husband was not required to leave until his wife left. That result could have been achieved by an undertaking such as had been given in the instant case or by an adjournment under the general powers of the court.

Lord Justice Aldous agreed. Solicitors: McCormicks, Harro-

guarantor arose upon default did

guarantee as a result of negligent

advice did not inflict damage upon the person who entered into the

guarantee. He had referred among

Proceedings on the contract

claim could have been begun on

February 3, 1989, so that action

was statute barred. But the pos-

ition in tort might be different as

the cause of action accrued when

In his Lordship's view, the

appellant would have recovered

more than nominal damages had

he taken action on February 3, 1989

ready been carried out, making the

appellant's guarantee of Coolrise's

The judge had not made the

proper comparison of the facts in the original statement of claim and

in the proposed amendments. His

Lordship did so and concluded that the differences were such that

Lord Justice Schiemann gave a

Solicitors: David Gouldman &

concurring judgment and Lord Justice Hirst agreed with both

substantially the same.

Co; Prince Evans, Ealing.

the appellant suffered damage.

Co ([1982] | WLR 86).

Informer can waive anonymity

Savage v Chief Constable of Hampshire Before Lord Justice Leggatt, Lord Potter and Lord Justice Judge

A police informer, who wished to sacrifice his anonymity by bring-ing proceedings to recover money allegedly promised to him by the police in exchange for the information, was not precluded on the ground of public interest immu-nity from making that claim.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing the appeal of the plaintiff, David James Savage, against the judgment of Judge Martin Tucker, QC sitting as a deputy judge of the High Court in the Portsmouth District Registry, when he refused on July 27, 1995, the plaintiff's application for leave to amend his particulars of claim, and struck out the claim as being frivolous, verations and an abuse of the court's process. The Court of Appeal allowed the plaintiff's pro-

Mr David Barnard for the plaintiff; Mr Simon Russen for the

LORD JUSTICE JUDGE said that, from the assertions in the claim, the court had to assume that after his arrest in 1990 for an offence of possession of drugs the plaintiff orally agreed to assist the police, that he would be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons involved in serious crime or the prevention of serious crime or the recovery of property, and payment would be calculated on the basis of 10 per cent of the value of any property concerned, alternatively a reasonable sum would be payable.

In performance of that agree-ment, the plaintiff provided appro-priate assistance and information and had not received the agreed or any reasonable payment. His Lordship said that it was likely an alternative view of those crucial facts would be pursued if the case proceeded to trial.

The judge had held, in summary, that the plaintiff's claim was inadmissible as it involved an assertion that he was a police allege or give evidence to establish

His Lordship said that the need to conceal the identity of informers was justified: R v Hennessey ((1978) 68 Cr App R 419, 426); D v National Society for the Preven-tion of Cruelty to Children ([1978] AC 171). In a limited number of cases concealment was justified on the ground that the police service could not otherwise function properly and perform its public duty: Convery v Rimmer (1968) AC 910, 953-954); Attorney-General v Briant ((1846) 15 M & W 169, 185).

in Marks v Beyfus ((1890) 25 QBD

494, 498, 499) and constantly repeated thereafter was that immunity from disclosure was not a privilege to be waived by one party to the proceedings, and, second, non-disclosure was not limited to criminal prosecutions but extended in some circum-stances to civil proceedings as well

But, Lord Esher, Master of the Rolls, in that case did not use language to suggest that the prin-ciple applied to every civil action in natever form the proceedings

Where the informer himself positively wished his activities to be identified, and assuming he was an adult of reasonable into it was difficult to see why the court should prevent disclosure of his activities on the basis that his personal safety would endangered.
Disclosure at his own insistence could not serve to undermine one of the essential features of arrange-

ments between the police and their informers that their identity would normally be protected from If, in cases involving police

surveillance from observation posts (for example R v Johnson

([1988] 1 WLR 1377)), the views of occupiers of those premises, whose tion, could be considered, then, in his Lordship's judgment, an in-former's wish that his identity be disclosed could not without more ignored on the basis of the immunity principle, and certainly in relation to civil proceedings of any relevant criminal

And further, from a separate line of authority as to whether public interest immunity attached to documents in cases involving complaints against police officers (R v Chief Constable of West Midlands Police, Ex parte Wiley ([1995] 1 AC 274, 299)), his Lordship considered that if a police informer wished anonymity, he was not precluded by the automatic application of such immunity at the behest of the

relevant police authority. It was possible that despite his wishes there remained a significant public interest, extraneous to him and his safety, which would be damaged if he was allowed to disclose his role.

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unusual difficulties at the inte locutory stages of the presentitigation, particularly in relatio to discovery, and despite his Lor ship's reservations about the like been granted.

Lord Justice Potter gave concurring judgment and Lor Justice Leggan agreed. Solicitors: Reynolds Hetherington, Gosport: Mr P. B. Robertson, Winchester.

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Enforcing order for costs

Wraith v Wraith and Another Before Land Justice Butler-Sloss. Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Potter |Judgment Pebruary 5|

Where a legally aided litigant who had had his case struck out for want of prosecution and against whom a costs order not to be enforced without leave of the court had been made, successfully claimed against his solicitor in negligence and the settlement in-cluded indemnity for the solicitor for any costs incurred by the on an amplication to enforce the costs order, the appropriate order for the court to make would almost certainly be to grant leave to

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the defendants in an action between brothers concerning a husiness partnership against a decision of Judge Cooke, sitting as a High Court judge, dismissing the defendants' summons for leave to enforce a costs order against the plaintiff on the ground of a change tion 130 of the Civil Legal Aid

defendants; Mr Nicholas Davidson, QC, for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS, giving the judgment of the irrelevant in all cases. The court

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court, said that the judge had made a typical order for costs not to be enforced without leave of the the plaintiffs obligation of paytion by the detendant under regulation 130 the court might make such order as it thought fit and had a wide discretion as to the

order that might be made. Such an order was originally termed a "football pool" order, a phrase still in general use but the origins of which were somewhat

legally aided litigant coming into possession of substantial assets or therwise being in a position readily to pay costs previously awarded to the other party, there seemed no reason in principle or common sense why he should be treated differently from a formerly impecunious litigant who won a football pool.

to exclude from the list of contingencies the settlement of an action. litigation in which the order for costs was made.

Finally, where that settlement carried with it the right to an indemnity against payment of costs under the order the subject of the other party's application, the case for a variation was likely to be The source of funds was not

out of account. Funds donated ease hardship or meet expens arising from personal injur-following an unsuccessful acti The court did consider, however that it was not appropriate in su ing underlying settlement of solicitor's negligence action, nor seek to evaluate the plainti

chance of success in any action t When an order was made str ing out an action it marked the e for costs in favour of the defe dants being the default of the plaintiff or his advisers. Any subsequent application variation should not depend for

outcome on balancing the notion advantage or disadvantage to : defendant had the action be lought. That was to give to plaintiff or his advisers the benof their own default.

In any event, the plaintiff s fered no adverse financial o sequence as he had the insure reason why solicitors who were fault should reap any benefit at expense of the unsuccessful n legally aided party.

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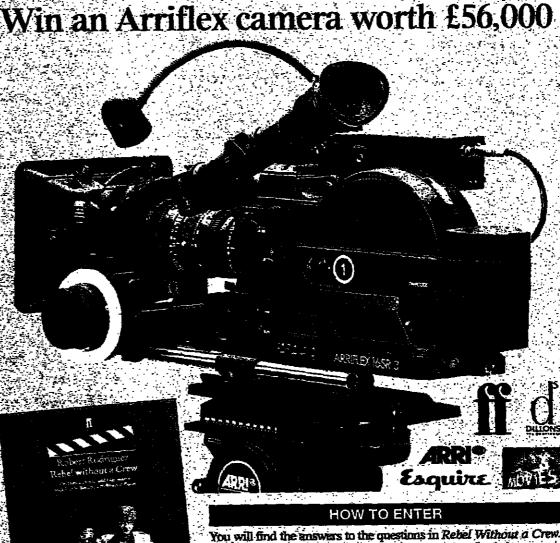
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CHANGING TIMES

■ TELEVISION

The digital revolution might just bring more live theatre to the small screen — at a price



■ THEATRE 1

A pessimistic but compelling view of life on a housing estate is offered in Peter Gill's Cardiff East THE



THEATRE 2

Not a nice play: The Merchant of Venice is presented with all its racism intact in Birmingham



■ TOMORROW

How does Cliff's Heathcliff measure up after its national tour? Read Benedict Nightingale's view

Coming to a small box near you

The cable and satellite revolution is going to bring a feast of arts coverage to television for those who are prepared to pay for it. Andy Lavender reports

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ancy seeing an opera this evening — even though you live miles from an opera house? Or a concert from one of the world's top orchestras. perhaps in Vienna or New York? Or how about a guided tour around, say, the splendours of Cubism? If so, simply turn on your television.

This cosy scenario is perhaps closer than you think. Arts programming on TV has for years been slender proposition. When it is on at all, it can be very hit and miss. Remember

the esoteric delights and dismays of Without Walls on Channel 4? Or the BBC's The Late Show, portentous one night, pretentious the next? And arts programming is usually consigned to the shadowy end of the evening a problem which still afflicts LWT's The South Bank Show.

All that will change in the next couple of years, at least if you are prepared to join in the cable and satellite revolution. Arts programming enjoys the happy circum-stance of appealing to the ABCI viewer so beloved of advertisers and subscription operators. There are clearly commercial interests at stake in the fact that it now looms large in our multichannelled future. Even so, the impending increase in arts provision can only be good news for the armchair

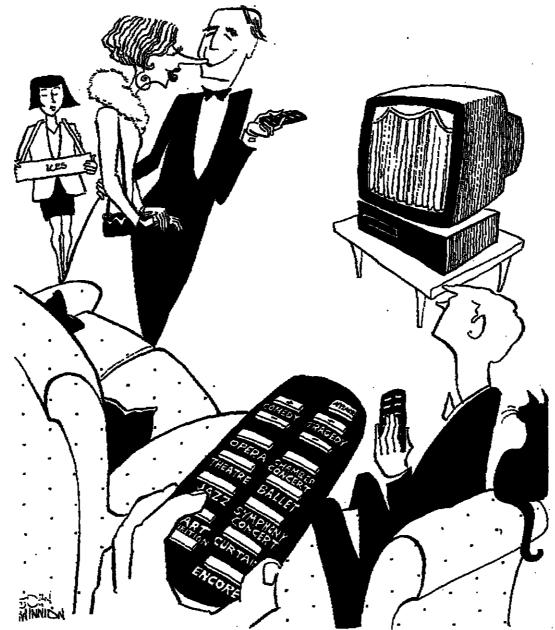
Various TV companies have already joined the fray or are preparing their entry. The most enticing manoeuvres are at the BBC. Within the next couple of years the corporaservices alongside BBC1 and BBC2. for those who can receive them by means of digital technology. In addition, working with the cable and satellite company Flextech, it will launch additional subscription services on the cable networks. A new arts channel, named Arena after the old BBC documentary series, is among them.

"The theme will be music, theatre and the arts, but transmitted in prime time when viewers are actually free to watch," explains Roly Keating, the BBC's head of development, music and arts. "We will focus on classical music, concerts like the Proms, chamber music, but also roam widely into the Later With Jools area. You

might get some jazz, country, a little bit of rock, so it's a grown-up music agenda. There will also be arts documentaries, and we're going to be delving into the back catalogue. The BBC has a huge, fantastic treasure chest of arts programmes dating back in some cases 30 or 40 years. Most of them have been seen only

once or twice." Keating promises that the channel will not merely ransack the BBC's archives but will feature new programming, including a reviews and listings element. He is in no doubt about the potential of such a venture. "The market research so far has shown a very strong and passionate demand among an audience who feel there's a huge gap in the market for something like this."

of before time, same would say. Paul Findlay, formerly opera director at the Royal Opera House, has for a while been lobbying the Arts Council to fund the establishment of a television company transmitting every evehour package of arts and culture programming. The principle, Findlay believes, is that British performance which receives public subsidy should be made available to a yet wider audience, an opportu-



not dissimilar if you already subscribe to your local cable network. The arts channel Performance, owned by The Daily Mail and the General Trust, is available in around 1.4 million homes as part of

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a package of cable channels. Not that it's the world's greatest per-that all of those households, by any formers in your home," says Bob programming, but if they channelhop between 7pm and lam they will discover that Performance offers a middle to highbrow mix of opera, concerts, dance and a little jazz. "Up to now, the idea has been

happy seeing them a little later than you would otherwise. Performance has a lowly budget and must therefore purchase programmes that have already been seen elseEuropean broadcasters. Lynton is nonetheless devising ways of maximising his slim resources. "We need to make our program-

ming more accessible and learn the positive lessons from Classic FM." he says. The radio station, you may remember, quickly gained a large and loyal following through its non-threatening approach to classical music. "I'm looking to do some kind of short-form programming. In March we have a new series running called Great Arias: tenminute items in which you get the best singers doing extracts from and talking about one of their most famous roles. That will be good for people dipping their toe into opera." The danger is that people will dip

in and jump out. "It's a fiercely competitive business to be in."
Lynton agrees. Virtually every
month there are new channels that come on. The majority of people are interested in lots of things: cooking. drama, sport, the arts. Most of us are multifaceted in our leisure interests, so as a cookery channel comes on it's possible that it dilutes our audience." It will doubtless be further diluted when Arena is

eanwhile, Channel 4 is currently planning its own add-on services when digital transmission comes on stream, and these might include extended arts coverage. Do these kinds of initiatives paradoxically sound the death knell for the arts on mainstream television, condemning them in-stead to a specialised niche for which we have to fork out?

Janey Walker, Channel 4's commissioning editor for the arts, disagrees, promising a new series of hour-long arts documentaries in the autumn, along with various short series of half-hour pro-grammes. And Roly Keating is adamant that, as far as the BBC is concerned, the opposite is the case. "We will be using the momentum of Arena to strengthen the arts service on BBCI and BBC2. We might also like this that suggests new ways of reaching audiences, which will feed back into the mainstream service. We have that a virtuous circle will emerge." Do not adjust your arm-

Rocking through space

SPACE-AGE themes, inspired by the Hubble telescope and moon landings, plus a rock-influenced funk beat and some impressive soloists, make the Annie Whitehead Experience one of the most individual and cohesive bands currently touring the jazz circuit. Most of the band's material is drawn from its recent debut album, Naked, and the strengths of that disc are even more apparent in live performance. Anchoring everything is the extrovert

Annie Whitehead

Warwick Arts Centre drumming of Liam Genockey, whose solid, incisive beat pro-

vides the perfect launch-pad for guitarist Ian Maidman and keyboard player Jasper van't Hof. On both piano and synthe

sizer, van't Hof is the band's most outstanding soloist. His unaccompanied piano work had echoes of Ligeti and Satie incorporated into the post-Herbie Hancock vocabulary of jazz keyboard playing, but it was his jovial deconstruction of a steel drum solo on the band's tribute to Dudu Pukwana that stole the show. Pukwana, like the late John Stevens, was a formative influence on Whitehead's own career, and her composition, To Dudu, mixed a variety of colonial influences. Not all Whitehead's pieces were inspired by space or her musical mentors — an effective slow vehicle for Dudley Phillips's bass came from her musical portrait of "her mum and auntie", Chalk and Cheese.

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Surprisingly. Whitehead's own soloing, even enhanced tive, but this was outweighed by the strengths of her reper-toire and the ensemble. This is a band full of promise.

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Nasty business

WHAT an odious play this is. When the letter comes to Belmont announcing Antonio's lost argosies. Bassanio declares: "Here are a few of the unpleasantest words/ That ever blotted paper!" This also describes the wretched play he is in, save that for a few read many. Bill Alexander's decision to cut little, perhaps nothing, from the text ensures that we see and hear how nasty Shakespeare's charac-

We are obliged to watch the play patiently because it is Shakespeare, this somehow elevating it into a species of holy writ. For our pains we hear Shylock's defence of his humanity and Portia's speech on mercy, both tremendous achievements of thought and language, and in this production spoken with passionate clarity by David Schofield and Tyson. A couple of the other characters utter some lines of charm and distinction. but the rest is Jew-hating, Jewbaiting. Jew-spitting and a moment of Moor-mocking to add variety.

The Venice we are shown in Ruari Murchison's design is a city of dark courtyards under a leaden sky. Its narrow brick arches are already crumbling at the edges, the water in the canal is black. For the Belmont scenes a panelled wall

The Merchant of Venice

Birmingham Rep

swiftly descends, affording glimpses of the open sea beyond; we sense a corresponding openness of heart among those who dwell there. But even here Charles Edwards's Bassanio makes a point of crossing the width of the stage to show Jessica the portion of his letter that names

her father. The costumes (by Fotini Dimou, sumptuous) are Early Victorian, and the first appearance of Schofield, contained and precise in his sleek black overcoat, is arresting Alexander's production adds a new edge to the racial conflict by casting Don Warrington (good performance) as a black Antonio, so that Shylock's "He hates our sacred nation" hints at the hatreds between blacks

and Jews in today's Brooklyn. Tyson, who of course is also black, brings a sweet exuberance to Portia, and a barely restrained impatience to be in Bassanio's arms. But whatever Shakespeare's personal views may have been, his play

is exposed as noxious. JEREMY KINGSTON

Welshing on the past

OLD Annie looks after Charlie whose son is unemployed Billy who is unhappily married to Shirley who is despised by everyone but Michael who is brother to Marge who is mother to Tommy who is enjoying a gay liaison with Neil whose mother is Dolly whose close friend is Vera who

> **Cardiff East** Cottesloe

gossips about Stella who has been abandoned by her husband Len and worries about their son Darkie who is having an affair with a single mum called Carol. Unsurprisingly, I spent much of Peter Gill's new play with a squint, since my left eye kept having to check the cast-list. Surpris ingly, maybe, my right eye and the grey matter behind were kept pretty rapt

throughout. Imagine an EastEnders. Cardiff-version, that has been deprived of a plot and, apart from an act of violence at the very end, of much in the way of event. Or a set of Studs Terkel's interviews being shuffled, thrown into the air and dropped piecemeal on a stage. Or Under Milk Wood trans-

ALLIED



Susan Brown as kindly Marge and Kenneth Cranham as the former priest, Michael, in Cardiff East

lated into more realistic dialogue and transposed to a housing estate that, as the backcloth indicates, sprouts unappetisingly from what was once scrub and marshland. You still haven't quite summed up Peter Gill's impressionistic picture of workng-class Cardiff in 1997.

There has always been a strong puritan strain in Gill's work, whether he is working as dramatist or director. Here he is both, which is why most of the cast spend most of the play impassively watching their colleagues doing their stuff on and around an array of stark chairs and a large double bed. It is also why, for all its energy and flashes of humour, the play earnestly warns that Wales is in danger of becoming a gaudy theme-park in which there is scant hope for families, communi-ties and the old solidarity. Change is all around, little

of it for the better. Outside the city, dairy farms are becoming golf courses. Inside, the young are surreptitiously turning to crack, and divorce, once regarded as a middle-class in-dulgence is getting common. The play's tone is apr to become nostalgic, especially when Gwenllian Davies's good-natured Annie is in full flow; but the serious point is

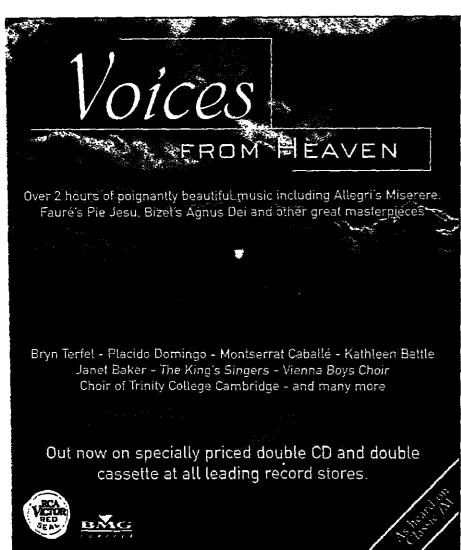
that these people still have some sense of their history. Most of them can also rely on each other's support when the going gets tough. Stress is everywhere. Melanie Hill's Shirley talks dementedly of falling apart, so angry is she with Mark Lewis Jones's helpless, drunken Billy. June Watson's Stella, who has lost her other son, cannot bear to let Andrew Howard's Darkie out of her sight, and he, too, is near collapse. All four actors

superbly convey the chaos and

despair of not knowing what

they feel and want. But then Gill's cast is consistently excellent, from Susan Brown's kindly but unimaginative Marge through Matthew Rhys's anarchic young Tommy to Kenneth Cranham as the local guru, Michael, His language is ant to get sermonising as he orchestrates discussions on Welshness and the Church: but then he is an anguished ex-priest, so maybe the didactic tenor is understandable. In any case, as those who saw the NT's An Inspector Calls will know, Cranham can make severity passionate and zeal humane. Much the same can be said for Gill's play as a whole.

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Ignore all the nasty innuendo: we are back, and we are models of sobriety, say Aerosmith



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Chester today, tomorrow the world: Mansun stake their claim with Attack of the Grey Lantern





POP 3

.. but on Sisters of Avalon Cyndi Lauper gives a strangely subdued account of herself



POP 4

Far from being also-rans, Blur have managed to define the Zeitgeist again, says Caitlin Moran

David Sinclair meets the cleaned-up, not washed-up, Aerosmith old boys

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aging allegation that you can level against a group which has come years of rock'n roll nayhem with its hairlines and valstlines intact? To call Aerosmith over the hill" or "out of touch" night make sense, but for the fact hat their last album. Get a Grip, sold 13 million copies and their new me, Nine Lives, is as focused and mergetic a piece of work as inything you will hear this year.

And if you labelled them a bunch of oseudo-delinquent throwbacks who still paint their toenails crazy incolours and rock out with all the comic-book fervour of a gang of 18rear-olds, they would doubtless ake it as a compliment.

Ironically, the slur that has truly speet Aerosmith in recent months is the public accusation by their former manager, Tim Collins, that they are no longer sober. These Jays. the assumption that all rock'n roll bands are consuming copious quantities of drink and drugs goes without saying, and indeed it was Aerosmith as much as anyone who helped to define the

But the band from New Hampshire which turned the original path to excess into a highway during the 1970s and early 1980s made a collective decision ten years ago to stop. "We had become professional drug addicts instead of professional musicians," singer Steve Tyler says. "So we all decided to put the drugs aside for a while,

Their rehabilitation became as

much a part of rock folklore as the tales of debauchery that preceded it, until last summer, when they sacked Collins, their manager of 12 years' standing. Within days, he told a newspaper reporter that "there's a certain element in the group that hasn't totally chosen sobriety", and hinted in an interview with Rolling Stone that he

knew Tyler was "using again". "He said that I'm back on heroin," Tyler says, his voice rising in indignation.

"Well, the good news is that the band's still together and we've got a great new record, so the hell with him and his childish revenge fantasies. The bad news is that I get some letters from fans and parents saying: My brother's back on drugs

again; how can you do that when you're a poster boy for recovery? And it hurts me. It really does." Both Tyler, 48, and guitarist Joe Perry, 46, flatly deny any sugges-

tion that they have, even for a moment, fallen off the wagon, and both men do indeed look enviably fit. The pair are sitting six feet off the ground in a London hotel room that has been surreally transformed for their visit into something resembling the throne room of a psychedelic Moroccan palace. Their raised sofa is overhung with multicoloured drapes while the floor below is swathed in tangy splashes of orange and yellow.

performers to discover that, as in most other walks of life, fitness is one of the prerequisites of longevity in rock'n roll. Nowadays their leisure pursuits include scuba diving, skiing and cross-country cycling. Last year they both went boar hunting. "Yes, we shot big, living lumps of flesh with guns," Perry says, perhaps a little too keen to dispel any notion that they have

turned into goody-goody wimps.

But like other artists, from AC/DC to David Bowie, who have deaned up their act in order to keep on rocking, they find themselves in the awkward position of being veterans in what is still regarded as a young person's job. The group's original fans

now turn up to shows with their kids in tow. "At a meet-and-greet we did in Paris there was a bunch of ten to fourteen-year-old kids bringing their guitars and foot pedals to get signed, and it blew my mind." Perry says. "I'm one of those kids right there. That's me, only I've just

been doing it a lot longer." Perry has four children of his own, Tyler five including his actress daughter Liv, who in recent months has bagged more headlines than her Dad. "She's got more balls in the air than Aerosmith has collectively," says the ever-philosophical Tyler. And, lest there be any suggestion of an intra-family

Liv's high-spirited role in Aerosmith's Cryin' - voted the No 1 All-Time Favourite Video by viewers of MTV in 1994 — which played a significant part in launching her acting career.

Making the new album was by all accounts a traumatic affair. Originally recorded in Miami with producer Glen Ballard (who cowrote and produced Jagged Little Pill, Alanis Morissette's blockbuster), Nine Lives was initially scheduled for release last September. But the first recording was scrapped altogether. "The record didn't sound like Aerosmith," the band's longtime adviser and record label executive. John Kalodner, told Billboard magazine. "It just happens sometimes that it doesn't work

The album was subsequently rerecorded in New York with producer Kevin Shirley, but still features three of the songs co-written by Ballard, including the first single, a big, brass-driven belter called Falling in Love (is Hard on the Knees).

But for connoisseurs of traditional, high-rolling American rock, the wait will have been worth it. Laced with Tyler's salacious double entendres and improbably manic wit, *Nine Lives* is a familiar mixture of high-voltage rockers and epic, lighters-aloft ballads that is nothing if not classic Aerosmith. As Perry puts it: "It's the kind of record I'd want to hear."

• The single, Falling in Love (is Hard on the Knees), is released by Columbia on February 24. The album, Nine Lives, is



"I'm one of the kids, only I've been doing it a lot longer," says Joe Perry (right, with Steve Tyler)

MANSUN Attack of the Grey Lantern Parlophone 7243 855791

.ED by the singer, songwritr. guitarist and tortured genius figure Paul Draper, Mansun are not the first 3ritish band to boast of their ntention to be bigger than LE.M. or whoever. Talk is heap but, unlike other young retenders, the four-piece rom Chester can point to five nit singles since signing their ecording contract a year ago. And if that seems like quick

vork, their album is even nore breathtaking. In terms of its ambitious musical scope and the sheer audacity of its one sneer audacity of its construction. Attack of the Grey Lantern sounds more ike the magnum opus of a irmly established act than an instart debut.

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have their respectable third

album released on the same

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debut. It was Gene's singer

Martin Rossiter who once

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for his own group did not become a reality, and Gene

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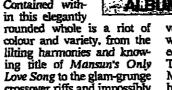
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lilting harmonies and knowing title of Mansun's Only Love Song to the glam-grunge crossover riffs and impossibly catchy choruses of Egg Shaped Fred and the current hit She Makes my Nose Bleed. Draper's lyrics range from

the flagrantly provocative as on Stripper Vicar, their merry tune about the crossdressing habits of certain men of the cloth — to the pointedly meaningless, notably the gor-geously windswept chorus of Wide Open Space. But he

TOP TEN ALBUMS

through several needlessly awkward tempo changes without ever quite fulfilling its grandiose intent. "You are here to serve me/Shut up sit down," Rossiter sings by way of a preamble to his latest batch of carefully sionately in-Morrisseyisms. After that it is business as volved with his subjects in a

usual with a succession of way that often recalls the educated singing style of Thom Yorke of Radiohead. perfectly pleasant songs that the Smiths never wrote, shackled to a rhythm section as stiff Mansun show every sign of as a post. Including the singles becoming an act of similar Fighting Fit and We Could be Kings, it is a creditable effort that lacks, for the most part, a Drawn To The Deep End (Polydor 537 104 £15.49) WHAT bad luck for Gene to broader sense of purpose.

CYNDI LAUPER Sisters of Avalon (Epic 485370 £13.99)

ALTHOUGH a trouper on stage and still one of pop's brightest treasures, Cyndi Lauper has yet to find a modern musical direction that balances her naturally effervescent charm with her status as a mature recording artist.

Drawn to the Deep End

minute song which bounces

Aided by her new musical soulmate, Jan Pulsford, who has co-written and co-pro-duced most of Sisters of Avalon, Lauper applies a contemporary sheen to songs such as Say a Prayer, with its slightly jazzy leanings, and Love to Hate, a mild rant during which she complains about "fashion fascists out in

But there is a subdued feeling to the album as a whole. It is beautifully done, but it would be nice to think she has not had all the old ebullience knocked out of her.

NUYORICAN SOUL (Talkin: Loud/Mercury 534 451 E18.49) DEFYING categorisation, Nuyorican Soul is a delightfully unpredictable combination of Latin, salsa, disco and jazz, all brought together by the remix duo of "Little" Louie

Vega and Kenny "Dope" Embracing with equal en-thusiasm the suave club sounds of New York and the pulsating fiesta rhythms of Puerto Rica (hence "Nuyor-ican"). Vega and Gonzalez have recruited a stellar cast of guest musicians, including Roy Ayers, Tito Puente, Jocelyn Brown, George Ben-son, Hilton Ruiz, Jazzy Jeff

and Vincent Montana. The sounds are not so much blended as rotated: relaxed, conventional jazz swing one minute (on Gotta New Life), fierce Latin percussion fireworks the next (on Habriendo El Dominante), with turntable curn's cratch (on Jazzy Jeff's Theme) after that. While applauding the re-

markable range of sounds and styles, one wonders if listeners will be as open-minded as the makers. Marketing it will surely be a nightmare.

DAVID SINCLAIR

The future is Blurred

T magine how hard it is to get famous in the first 1 place. There are so many songs that are famous, countless faces you'd recognise, but how do you achieve a level of fame where people know what you stand for? Gina G's famous, but no one knows anything about her. The Spice Girls' stance has been taken as a new movement - Girl

Power - but what's that all about? Doing kung-fu kicks and wearing short skirts is hardly a manifesto for life. So let's look at Blur's re-

invention on their new album, such a divergence from their previous work that it smacks of trying to become famous all over again. Of course, rebirth comes naturally to Blur written off as chancers too poppy for their own good, they had to start again from scratch on their second album, Modern Life is Rubbish. When you look again at Star-Shaped. their tour video from that time, it shows a band trying to define itself by rejecting everything that was "in" at the time

 grunge, glamrock, baggy and dance. Sound familiar? At the very end of Star-Shaped, Blur tacked on all their videos from There's No Other Way to Sunday Sunday. As two years' worth of

shown Oasis and the rest the way singles flash by, what amazes deliberate attempt to shed

Once again, Damon Albarn has

is how utterly Blur brought about all the iconography of Britpop - red buses, cups of tea, worn suits. Fred Perry shirts, slightly straggly Mod haircuts, a belief that Britain was worth sticking up for, and pop songs that reclaimed the Kinks, the Beatles,

XTC, Madness and the Pistols at a time when these songwriters were all but

Having succeeded so entirely with this that, in 1997. you can't listen to the Top 40 without hearing the Beatles, Kinks and Madness influences. Blur are, yet again,

in the position where they have to seek out new things to reclaim and rejoice in. This time it's the as-yet unplundered Bowie albums, the Specials, Colourbox, Krautrock America's more introspective heroes, such as Pavement.

It has been argued that Blur is too wilful, that it is a

tans and disens from the Blur/Oasis wars. But there are several important

points to be made: You can grow too famous. This is something Damon Albarn seems to have realised, possibly around the time that paparazzi holiday pictures of his

girlfriend's breasts were splashed all over the tabloids. If you make tabloidfriendly music, then the tabloids will claim your life for their own. Albarn appears to want his

CAITLIN MORAN

• Blur could have released a "best of" album and retired after The Great Escape. They could have disappeared for three years and lost all momentum. Instead, they decided to do something completely new, barely a year after their last

face and name

album. Blur are at their best when they work at counterpoint to everything that's happening in

the mainstream. This is why The Great Escape was a fairly disappointing album - what Blur did was being done by everyone else, from Oasis to Menswear. Blur is a splendid ano mrilling album because throws everything else around it into sharp relief. The bright On your Own; the bleak Strange News from Another Star and dub Death of a Party have raised the stakes; the pressure will now be on Oasis.

and their other rivals, to match Blur's inventiveness. Blur's raison d'etre is to infuse British music with restlessness. Just as we were getting comfy with the fact that London is swinging again. Blur have knocked all complacency out of the water. Bands sound their best on the run - and Blur sound like they've lapped everyone else. and moved the finishing post back another 600 yards, just to make things more interesting.

Despite its immediate entry No l. I shouldn't imagine Blur will be a massive hit. But by the time Albam pens the follow-up, everyone will be wearing baggy skater-trousers, experimenting with dub and feedback, and hanging out with Pavement. Blur have defined the Zeitgeist again. Just you watch.

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Obscure object of desire

ness and temporality brings to his work for Are Dance Company is also present in Eidolon, his commissioned creation for Rambert. The ballet feels like a Bergman film, in which interior landscapes are the setting

A man asleep DANCE on a bed is visited by the apparition (the eidolon of the title) of a Rambert Dance Company Woman in Red. Like the hero of Apollo, Oxford

La Sylphide, "I" is obsessed with capturing this ephemeral embodiment of female desirability. Shadows and Creatures hover over I's bed and taunt him; a woman of flesh and blood (the Girl in Grey) is cast aside in favour of her phantom rival.

The action takes place be-hind a scrim, muffling the dance and distancing the audience from its impact. Even the

the sense of elusive-red of Sarah Warson's dress is subdued as an amorphous the inhabitants of his dream. The Woman in Red, as prim

and proper as a Victorian governess, is illusory but contradictory, whisking her long skirt out of I's desperate grasp and then beckoning to him. for familiar scenarios which Jan de Schynkel's dogged pur-unfold with the imperma- suit never flags, yet — in a nence and strangely connected triumph of perversity over logic of dreams.

Warsop does become real he no longer wants Like all Brand-

strup's work, Eidolon has heaps of atmosphere. Like most of his ballets, it has a disorientating score, a collaborative effort

from the Danish composer Kim Helweg (played live by the fine London Musici). And although the puritanism of Brandstrup's work can be draining, Eidolon does show him working harder to give his dancers a more physical thrust to their emotional com-



Rambert's dancers are ideal raw material for any choreographer. Superbly trained, physically strong and emotionally sharp, they can do just about anything. In Stream, Christopher Bruce's new addition to the Rambert repertoire. they throw themselves into a full-bodied study in abstraction. The music is by Philip Chambon, who provided the score for Bruce's phenomenal-

the Rambert spring tour. Chambon's electronic hand claps, tidal waves and rolls of thunder suggest little more than rhythmic variety.

Rambert's artistic director is an adept and versatile choreographer, and particularly astute at stylish packaging (you need look no further than Rooster, his Rolling Stones ballet which closes the evening). Stream alternates bely successful Swansong, which tween passages of lyric grace is currently being revived for and robust muscularity, and

punctuates its phrasing with punchy flourishes. The men are strong and

agile, the women elegant and statuesque. Solos are entertainingly suggestive, ensembles build into stimulating peaks of physical exertion. And Bruce plays his emotional cards just right, laying down aces to grab the audience's attention whenever the game of abstraction starts to drag.

DEBRA CRAINE

The visiting conductor Philippe Herreweghe tells **Hilary Finch** about his love for many musics

Been there, played that, moved on

t the age of 50, the Belgian conductor Philippe Herreweghe has collected more people than most. In addition to his choir, the Collegium Vocale (formed forerunners), La Chapelle Royale (French Baroque and Classical choral works) and the Orchestre des Champs-Elysées (19th-century symohonic repertoire), he has

formed two other ensembles. concentrating on Renaissance and 20th-century music. The first three groups will appear together in London on Monday, performing Berlioz's L'Enfance du Christ.

Not surprisingly, Herreweghe has always balked at specialisation. Although as a child he had been immersed in what he remembers as a "bain choral", singing Palestrina,

Bach and Schütz, and conducting them from the age of 12, he chose to study medicine and psychiatry, and leave Bach cantatas to his spare time. Then he heard Gustav Leonhardt play the harpsichord. "I felt immediately that we should be singing Bach the

way he was playing it, with a

type of voice production which would enable the right tuning, the right articulation." Three years later he met Ton Koopman in a café in Amsterdam. "We'd spend whole weekends together just studying one Bach chorale." Still with largely amateur forces, they put on a performance of Bach's St John Passion — and Leonhardt was in the queue tickets. He invited Herreweghe to join him conducting the great Bach cantata



music that nourished me'

series and, by the age of 24, Herreweghe was a full-time

But he soon became restless. Concentrating on the Baroque was beginning to make him feel "dried-out, like a robot".

portant for me was, after all, religious music, not music of a certain period," Herreweghe says. "What I needed was music that nourished me, and "that was more likely to include Schumann, Brahms, Bruckner, Webern and Boulez than the minor contemporaries of mann are what furniture is to sculpture." At 35 Herreweghe formed

the Orchestre des Champs-Elysées. They began by working on the choral works of Mozart, Haydn and Mendelssohn, and then moved on to the symphonic repertoire. This has meant abandoning a field lively with new discoveries and voyaging into the known. "There is, for example, no undiscovered Schumann writing in the 19th century. With

"What had always been im- little-known Baroque motets, one can make one's mark as the best in the world!" As for Berlioz's trilogy, L'Enfance du Christ, "its es-

sential quality is its lack of Berlioz wrote the second part first, as a joke. The Flight to Egypt was in the archaic style. a pastiche; he even published it under a pseudonym as composed in 1679. But it was so successful that he decided, five years later, to write a first part, and finally a third. Berlioz was an archetype of Romantic genius. He wrote something nobody had written before - and which no one could ever imitate."

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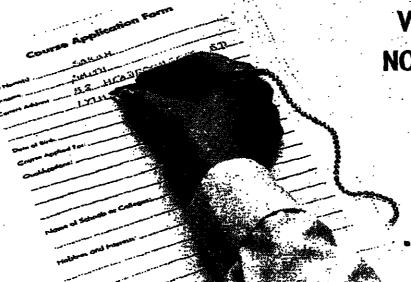
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John O'Leary wonders whether parents really want to be swamped by even more test ratings

Warning: information overload

information revolution hit schools in 1992, the eventual aim was to produce league tables from all the national curriculum tests, as well as from GCSE and A level. Until Tuesday, few people outside Conservative Central Office realised that the dream was still alive. Despite some pressure from the right wing of the party for publica-tion of seven-year-olds' results,

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most observers assumed that next month's tables at 11 marked the end of education's statistical adventure. There would then be tables for both primary and secondary education.

Three days on, there are to be tables not just at seven, but at 14 as well, no matter who wins the general election. There will also be a new range of targets, both at national level and for individual

John Major's "secret garden" of education will be well and truly equication open to the public. But might not this be a case of information overwhat the extra tables will show or about who wants the information?

For all the objections of the teaching profession, the case for tables at Il has always been clear. The tests mark the end of primary schooling in most parts of England, and the results will provide the first objective information on the sector.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, has gradually won acceptance for the exercise. And though more than 1,000 schools failed to submit their teachers' assessments of their pupils, the test results will appear vir-

tually intact. Realists in the profession knew that these tables would come eventually. Even when ministers withdrew their plans to publish the results of national curriculum tests in the summer of 1993 at the height of the teachers' boycott, it was ashad instated when the tests "bedded down".

those for seven and 14-year-olds, where there are particular problems. With the younger age group, these centre on the accuracy of the results and the likely nature of the tables; at the later stage, it is a matter of finding a universal measure and creating some interest in the outcome.

There should be plenty of interest in infants schools' results since these are what the most inexperienced parents are choosing. But because about 80 per cent of sevenyear-olds reach the expected level of the curriculum in English and mathematics (level 2), most schools will be inseparable if the tables follow the pattern used at II.

Unlike the other national curriculum tests, those at seven are still administered over the course of a term and marked by the school's own teachers. Though samples are checked externally, once the results are published in tables, it is surely only a matter of time before their validity is questioned. Perhaps the most significant

differences shown up in the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority's analysis of last summer's tests were between summer-born children and those who had been at school for a longer period. There was a gap of more than 20 per cent between the marks of those with August birthdays and others born in September. This suggests that until the assessment of children starting school has grown into a value-added system, the results will say as much about entrance policies and nursery provision as about the schools themselves.

At 14, there is no convenient point in the curriculum on which to base tables; an average pupil is expected to be between levels five and six. But even if the logistical problems are overcome, it is hard to imagine newspapers publishing another set of secondary school results that tant ones they already produce. Who, outside the school itself,



Boys doing a standard assessment test. Now the Government wants to publish national SAT results

really cares about the results of 14year-olds' tests? A straw poil of head teachers this week failed to produce one who had ever been asked about them by a prospective parent. John Dunford, the head of Durham Johnston High School, in Durham, said: "Parents have their eyes on GCSE and A levels, not standard assessment tests. They have never been raised with me."

If the Conservatives thought their league table proposals would provide more of the elusive "clear blue water" between the parties on education, they were soon disappointed. The Labour Party, though restricting itself to local publication, immediately matched the commitment.

ment tied to current spending plans and relying on a reordering of priorities to realise Tony Blair's "passion for education", one might have expected a more critical response. Schools are already required to publish their test results in annual reports. Party spokesmen might even have questioned whether we need the expensive paraphernalia of national testing at 14 at all.

ests at this age undoubtedly are valuable as a pointer to the readiness of pupils for GCSE and have had the useful side-effect of stopping schools using the early years of secondary education as a dumping ground for their weakest staff. But the millions spent on a national system, producing results that atttle attention, could surely be better employed.

Labour would not pursue such

Weed out the bad teachers

Susan Elkin approves of appraisal

teacher

o Gillian Shephard and John Major have decreed that teacher appraisal is to be a means of identifying and weeding out poor teachers. Not

Early in 1990 I was interviewed by a local authority project leader with a view to my becoming a seconded appraisal trainer for schools in my area. It was a pilot scheme in my local education authority area two years before teacher appraisal arrangements were adopted nationally. I was not appointed.

Some months later, the successful appointee arrived at our school. Her duty was to initiate us into the mysteries of apprais-

al. And I learnt, with incredulity, that appraisal was to be entirely kindly and benign. Teachers' interests were dearly paramount. Pupils were hardly mentioned. No one's salary or promotion prospects would depend on the outcome of his or her appraisal. Anyone who did not care for the

appraiser his head first thought of was entitled to negotiate an alternative. All of this was eventually enshrined, at the cost of several acres of rainforest, by the Education Department.

What a fiasco. No wonder I wasn't taken on. I had mistaken appraisal for something to do with ascertaining how effective a teacher is. But, no - appraisal for teachers was apparently to be a bland process of reassur-

ance. In effect: useless. Welcome then is the news that teacher appraisal is, at last, to have some bite. And, of course, it does not matter which party gets elected, because in the current pre-election fever, we all know that whatever Mrs Shephard and Mr Major say this week will be echoed next by Messrs Blunkett and Blair, or vice versa. A competent teacher can, we are told, control a class, maintain room, plan lessons, teach

interestingly and get children through examinations. Quite. An estimated 13,000 teachers, or 4 per cent of the profession, fall short in some of these areas And there is a tiny proportion of inadequate teachers in every school, as any honest colleague will admit. Staff, parents and pupils are all aware that it's bad news if you happen to get Mr X for mathematics or Miss Y for English. The problems range from a person's being tempera-

mentally unsuited to teaching. not fit enough mentally or physically for the job to cope with its multifarious demands. to being just plain lazy. I've taught on the same staff

as teachers whose shricking menager ies are so far out of control that the pupils could be heard from the other end of the building. those who rarely, if ever, do any marking or who dish out worksheets while they sit at the front of the class reading a newspaper. Or

those who are so dull that every pupil detests every minute. I have never worked in a school that did not have one or two of these types. The problem with using ap-

praisal as an ousting tool is that teachers, about 96 per cent of whom have nothing whatever to fear, are unlikely to co-operate. The unions will howl in outrage on their members' behalf and there are many individuals who would rather quietly "carry" a weak colleague than see him or her dismissed. Misplaced altruism, surely, because that attitude cannot be good for children's

education? If this new policy is to succeed the nature of teacher appraisal must change drastically to something akin to enforced inspection of an individual's perform ance by a senior colleague.

How splendid it would be if "New Appraisal" could be implemented quickly. But I'm

Did Eton invent the perfect game for the East End?

Jason Cowley

on attempts to introduce

Eton fives to the inner city

s you head west out of Bethnal Green station in London's East End. one building stands out amid Victorian terraces and desolate council tower blocks: Repton Boys Club. Founded in 1884 by Repton, a Derbyshire public school, and occupying the site of an old washhouse, it is a monument to an era when the great boarding schools in a spirit of paternalism established mis-

sions in the inner cities. Eton, Charterhouse, Tunbridge, Ampleforth, Harrow and Shrewsbury - all set up clubs and societies for the urban poor. Now an attempt to revive this spirit is being made by the Eton Fives Association, which seeks to bring fives, the handball game, to a new audience. Played by pairs in a three-walled court, Eton fives originated, naturally enough, at Eton College. The court, with its buttress, split level and oblique angles, is based on an area outside Eton chapel where for centuries boy's played a ball game with

hare hands. Michael Constantinidi, the chairman of the Eton Fives Association, believes it is a perfect game for the inner cities and is seeking a National Lottery grant in an attempt to broaden its appeal. The problem is," he says, that the game is played only in the big established schools and older universities. But it would be ideal for the inner cities: it is energetic, it occupies little space and the courts are relatively inexpensive to build. The equipment ja small, hard ball made of cork and rubber, and padded gloves) also does

nut cost a lot." Mr Constantinidi says that the association is seeking an initial grant of £100,000. "If we got the money," he adds, "we could build a court on the side of a tower block, or fund a



A game of fives at St Olave's School, Orpington: soon East Enders could join in

special project at a school. You would need only about £30,000 to build two courts."

The world has not rushed to embrace fives, possibly regarding its bizarre court and rules as just another English eccentricity, like barristers' wigs. One could easily dismiss the aspirations of the Eton Fives Association as eccentric, were it not for the missionary zeal of Jim Cogan. An English teacher

at Westminster School and founder We could of Schools Partnership Worldwide, an organisation build a that encourages young adults to forge links with the Third World, he court on the side draws inspiration from the pioneer-ing work of the Vicof a tower torian paternalists. block' Mr Cogan says

"Many leading public schools used to have missions in the inner cities that were well-funded and well-supported. But most public school people now think that the inner cities are

not safe places to visit. "Underpinning what we are trying to do is a concern about the impoverishment of our inner cities and the limited opportunities available to poor children, especially when compared with the extravagant resources available to the better-off. The issue of wealthy

institutions sitting on resources that are not available to arryone else concerns me." On a windswept winter's

evening, the streets surrounding Repton Boys Club are empty. There is a pervading sense of neglect. Many of the buildings are semi-derelict. But inside the club young boys of many racial backgrounds, watched by their fathers, are training hard: jogging, skip-

ping and sparring. The Repton, as the locals call it, is now a thriving box-ing club, which has produced several world champions. According to

Tony Burns, a former boxer who has rum the club for the past 30 years, it provides many boys with a focal point and sense of discipline" in an area which knows only pover-

ty and inequality.
Yet what chance has fives of catching on? Mr Cogan says:
There is no reason why innercity children should not enjoy playing it. It is very popular, for instance, in Nigeria, where they play with a tennis ball. Football, rugby, lawn tennis and squash are all versions of Though Repton School no

longer directly funds The

Repton, it still has ties with

Bethnal Green. The charity, the University Trust, which runs the club, holds its AGM at the school, and Mr Burns takes children on tours of the Derbyshire village.

Graham Jones, the Headmaster of Repton School, considers it important for children from more privileged backgrounds to understand the difficulties of inner-city life. "As part of our support for the club," he says, "boys from the East End used to visit Repton and use the school's facilities. About five years ago, we also set up a scheme making available an assisted place here for someone from the East End. It is important to instinct for doing good work."

ack at the Repton club. Mr Burns nods approvingly as a wiry adolescent in a grey vest cuts through the defence of his opponent with a sharp jab. For kids like him," Mr Burns says, "the Repton offers a way out. There isn't any discipline in schools.

"We teach the boys selfrespect, fitness and how to conduct themselves. Some go on to become fighters, but just as many escape to be money brokers in the City. Those public schools that set up missions did a lot of good, and we are still benefiting from their legacy."

HR Director

an argument, however, because it

opens the door to one of its great

fears: the charge that it would be

soft on standards. Instead, local

authorities will be obliged to pro-

The secondary school league tables may still be derided by

teachers, but they are popular with

parents. A study by Dr Anne West.

of the London School of Economics.

published this week, found that 90

per cent of parents choosing a

school had seen the tables, even if

some did not understand them. The

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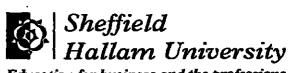
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Grand prix teams are divided by money row

the run-up to the grand prix participation and there were season, typified by the extravery even rumours of them atagant launch of the new McLaren-Mercedes at the Alexandra Palace in London last night, was overshadowed yesterday by news that three of the most famous teams in the pit lane are facing combined losses of nearly £100 million because of a feud with their Formula One rivals.

Williams, the reigning constructors' champions, Me-Laren and Tyrrell have all been frozen out of the latest incarnation of the Concorde Agreement, the document that defines the rules and rewards of the sport.

Each of the three teams originally refused to sign the agreement, apparently because they were unhappy with the amount of money that Bernie Ecclestone, 65, the promoter who has turned Formula One into the sport with the biggest global television audience in the world, was taking for himself and because they were worried about the provisions for his successor.

When the other seven teams eligible to be signatories agreed to the improved terms offered them and gave their assent to the document, the three dissidents found themselves out in the cold, deprived of a huge share of the money from television contracts and the International Motor Sport Federation (FIA) prize-fund that makes up a significant part of their annual funding.

The Concorde Agreement divides the sport's financial rewards into two parts. The first part is split into two halves, the first divided equally among the signatories, the other among both signatories and non-signatories. The sec-ond part is also divided into two halves paid out according to the previous season's results and on results achieved throughout the 46 years of the world championship.

Williams, McLaren and Tyrrell gambled on the FIA

THE glitz and the glamour of championship without their tempting to set up a separate series. Now it appears that they are desperate to rejoin the ever, delighted with the extra revenue they are receiving, are reluctant to let them back in and the Concorde Agreement requires a unanimous vote for that to happen. At their last they voted unanimously not to re-admit the rebels.

Frank Williams, the Williams owner, said yesterday that it was possible the issue might have to be resolved in court "it could be over in a week or it could take two years," he said. "If it goes to court, it will be very long and very expensive, but God forbid it goes that far.

There is a great deal of

money involved in the whole thing, especially when you mulitply it by five years. But when we opted out, there was no deal on the table. Eight days after we opted out, a very lucrative offer was made to the other teams. They think it is Christmas now because they have got a lot more money.

"Nobody gets a mortgage without knowing the figures and the terms were not clear so we were not happy about signing originally. Subsequent to our withdrawal, a statement was outlined which made things much more satisfactory and it would be in everyone's interests if things were resolved." Max Mosley, the president

of the FIA, also said he was keen to find a solution. "I think they [the rebels] probably regret their actions and I am doing everything I can to bring them back into the fold."
That fold will include Alain

Prost, the four-times world champion. Prost will announce today that he has taken over the French Ligier team, which will be renamed Prost Grand Prix before the start of this season in Austranot being able to run the lia on March 9.



Richard Krajicek, of Holland, powers his way to victory over Javier Sánchez, of Spain, in Dubai yesterday

Cash finds little charity at home

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN DUBAL

THE life of a tennis professional is a nomadic existence at the best of times, but for Pat Cash it is worse than most. After losing to Wayne Ferreira 3-6, 6-2, 7-5 yesterday in the second round of the Dubai Open, he is now truly wandering through the wilderness. For the first time in years he is fit and ready to launch a serious attempt at yet another comeback, but with a ranking of No 755, he is all dressed up with nowhere to play.

Yesterday he proved that, with a chance to play the top men, he can still compete with the best — the problem is getting that chance. Now 31, his great moment of glory at Wimbledon in 1987 is just a memory and he is relying on the generosity of tournament directors around the world to tour events. That generosity is wearing a little thin, especially

"It's just a matter of getting a couple of matches under my belt," he said. "Ideally, I'd like to play another three or four tournaments and get through a few rounds and then I could start to do better. I'm asking for wild cards and seeing what happens, but I don't know from week to week where I'm going and that makes it tough. Some places are happy to have me and some aren't."

In Australia at the start of the year he found the door firmly shut. He asked for a wild card to the Australian Open and only got one after some debate and waiting, but when it came to the warm-up events no one wanted to know. As for the Davis Cup set-up, they have long since forgotten what Cash has to offer. It has a regular on the tennis circuit that he believes that the general public is convinced that he retired years ago.

Since he lives in London and practises at Queen's Club. Cash feels more a part of the British order than his own. "I've not been made welcome by Davis Cup captains in Australia, which is disappointing," he said. "I've been invited to practise with the British teams and British guys more or less whenever I want to, but I've never been invited by Tennis Australia to do

anything at all, which is sad." offend the powers-that-be back home, Cash's only aim these days is to play tennis and stay fit. Against Ferreira there were flashes of the Cash of old:

With so little match play behind Cash, though, it was asking too much of him to sustain it. His errors cost him dear as Ferriera began to play better, but if Cash's body has let him down over the years. the spirit stays as strong as ever and he fought off five match-points before finally

giving in to the inevitable. When it comes to Goran Ivanisevic, the inevitable temper tantrums are never far away. Yesterday he struggled as much with his mood as with Bohdan Hilbrach, of the Czech Republic, picking up a for racket abuse, before reaching the quarter-finals with a 7-6, 6-4 victory. He will have to keep his temper in check if he is to get past Boris Becker, who reached the last eight by bustling, powerful serve-and-volley stuff that took him to a 5-0 lead in the first set as tralia, 7-6, 6-1.

Slalom failure dents Wiberg's medal bid

PERNILLA WIBERG, the leading skier this season on the World Cup circuit, straddled a gate and went out in the first slalom run of the women's combined event at the world skiing championships in Sestriere yesterday, which, after four of the five women's events, makes it likely that she will finish without a medal. The downhill leg of the combined event was called off earlier because of high winds and is

rescheduled to be be held this morning.

Wiberg, 26, of Sweden, is the defending world and Olympic champion in combined and leads the World Cup standings in overall, slalom and super giant slalom. Wiberg's disappointing runs have seen her fail to gain places in stalom after going out in the second run. In super the giant stalom, she was seventh and in giant stalom sixth. the giant statom, she was seventh and in grant statom. She was seventh and in grant statomer world champion will have her final chance in the downhill on Saturday — the final day of the championships. She will not, however, be among the favourites, having never won a World Cup downhill.

Graf withdraws

TENNIS: Steffi Graf has failed to shake off a knee injury in time to play in a tournament in Hanover next week. The women's world No I, who injured her left knee during an event in Tokyo last month, said yesterday: "I must think of the long term future. I do not want to make a hurried return only for my knee to get worse."

Greg Rusedski continued his recent winning run with an

easy straight-sets win over Alejandro Hernandez, of Mexico. in the first round of the San José Open in California.

Waugh fares well

Cricket: Steve Waugh, right, made a spectacular 72 off 44 balls in a one-day match against Nicky Oppenhei-mer's Invitation XI to help the Australians make a winning start to their tour of South Africa at Randjesfontein yesterday. Australia declared on 284 for seven, with their opening batsmen, Matthew Haydon (60) and Matthew Elliott (91) putting on 124 for the first wicket. In spite of a brilliant 133 by Neil McKenzie, the Invitation XI lost by 19 runs.



Fogarty falls

Motorcycling: Carl Fogarty, of Great Britain, crashed twice on his Ducati during Superbike testing at Laguna Seca in California yesterday. He hit his head in the morning and then, in the afternoon, fell again. "I came down on my head and back and hurt my ribs," Fogarty said. "It was a real pity because I was starting to enjoy riding and I was on for a quick lap for sure." He had to settle for a fastest lap of lmin 26.893sec, more than 0.7sec behind John Kocinski, of the

Quarterback switch

American football: The Scottish Claymores announced join them as a quarterback for World League season and not John Kitna, of Seattle Seahawks, as they had said on Wednesday. Fischer, who was ranked second in all-time passing yardage (9,021) and touchdowns (48) at Duke University, will vie with Dave Barr, of the San Francisco 49ers, for the Claymores starting quarterback place in the new season, which begins in April.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Most of the slam hands that we have looked at over the past few weeks have been extremely good contracts -- 1 think the worst one was a better than 75 per cent shot. What odds do you need when bidding a slam? The mathematics varies a

little depending on vulnerability and the form of scoring but in general a small slam has to be better than about 50 per cent for it to be worth bidding. Say Six Spades was a 50 per cent contract. That means that if you played it twice in slam you would expect to make once and go down once. Not vulnerable at rubber bridge, a game is worth about 300 points. So you score +980 when you make it (180 below the line and 300 for the invisible game bonus), and -50 when you go down, for net +930 in two tries. If you stay in Five and make

Six you will score 180 below the line and 300 for the game honus, making 480 points. If you only make eleven tricks you score 450 points. So in two attempts you would also make 930 points. Thus when the slam is 50 per cent it makes no difference in the long run whether you bid it or not. (A great difference in the short run though.)

You need better odds for a grand slam. You are usually risking losing a sure small slam bonus. Generally speaking odds of around 70 per cent are needed. The calculation is similar to the one I have described above. If the grand

GRIGNARD

FUCOID

a. Chemical reaction

c. Part of a ship's rigging

b. A Swiss cheese

a. Like seaweed

b. Reornductive

c. Organ-shaped

is about 70 per cent your average gain is the same whether you bid it or stay in a small slam. Of course it is often difficult to judge how good a grand is during the bidding; you will not go far wrong if you bid grand slams only when you judge them to be lay-down.

It is important in a grand slam to have a more or less solid trump suit. Here is an example of a specialised technique for ensuring that.

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When East raises to Three Spades. West's hand becomes enormous. All he is interested in is whether his partner has the ace-king of trumps, so he jumps directly to 5 NT - the Grand Slam Force. That asks East to bid Seven Spades with two of the top three honours, otherwise to sign off in Six Spades.

Say against Seven Spades North leads a club to South's queen. West ruffs and crosses to dummy twice in trumps to ruff two more clubs in hand. Then if there are still trumps outstanding he can cross to the ten of hearts to draw them. He makes four trumps in dummy, three ruffs in hand, five heart tricks and the ace of diamonds. It is an example of "dummy reversal".

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

MAUSER

a. A firearm

EPISTASIS

theatre

c. A trained cat

b. A Kenyan tribesman

a. Genetic behaviour

b. Platform in the Greek

c. Writing of lesser Apostles

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

One of the necessary preconditions est level is a profound knowledge of opening theory. Garry Kasparov, the world champion, is, indeed, celebrated for the extraordinary depth to which he analyses in advance the sharp systems he loves to employ in his games. Although British grandmasters

have succeeded in establishing themselves as amongst the very best in the world and have frequently captured the silver medals in the world chess Olympiads, it cannot truly be said that extensive opening preparation is one of their main strengths. Grandmaster John Nunn, the co-victor at Hastings, is a notable exception but ploy home-spun systems de-ned more to throw the opponent signed more to unto a contanalyse off balance than to out-analyse

In the following game grand-master Michael Adams, Britain's No 2 player, essays a somewhat rustic system against Kasparov. Far from being thrown off balance, Kasparov obtains a small but clear advantage from the opening and never relaxes his grip.

White: Garry Kasparov Black: Michael Adams

Linares, February 1997 Alekhine's Defence 4 N/3 5 Nxe5 Nd7 9 Bb3 11 c4 12 h3 Nc7 c5

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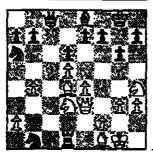
On Saturday March 22, I will take on all-comers in a simultaneous to take place in the boardroom of St George's Hospital, Tooting, Landon SW17. The goal is to raise funds for the St George's Hospital Hold My Hand appeal which aims to raise El million for their Children's Intensive Care Unit. Details and entry forms are available from Lucy de Ville. The Appeal Office. St George's Haspital (tel: 0181-725 5096). The cut-off date for entries is Saturday March 15 and only 30

☐ Raymand Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene White to play. This position is from the game Andestein — Adams. Iceland 1994. As well as being Norway's top grandmaster, Simen Agdestein has also played interrational football for How did he out the ball in the back of the net in this game from his match against Britain's Michael

Solution on page 50



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ATHLETICS

GHENT: Ricoh indoor tour: First legs Men (CB unless stated): 60m; 1, B Surin (Carr) 6 Sizesc; 2, R Sewart (Jam) 6.54; 3, D Ezimsa (Nigeria) 6.57; 200m; 1, E Wymnersch (Bel) 20.68; 2, G Moon (Nov) 20.99; 3, D Tumer (GB) 21.08, 400m; 1, J Bautich, GB 45.65; 2, D Hall (LS) 44.48; 3, S Bada (Nigeria) 46.60. Mile: 1, H el Guerrou (Mar) 3mm; 48.45sec (world socord); 2, C Impers (Bel) 355; 13, 3, N Bosch (Fr) 355; 49, 6, M Yates (GB) 4/30; 88.60m handler: 1, C Jackson, 7.54sec; 2, D Floss (LS) 7.58, 3, S Brown (LS 7.59), Long jump; 1, I Pedroso (Cuba) 6.40m; 2, J Becchord (Jamaica) 8.14; 3, E Nije (Bel) 7.33, Pole vasut; 1, O Brits (SA) 5.80m; 2, V Strogskev (Fluss) 5.75; 3, A Theorischik (Ger) 5.50. Women: 60m; 1, I Phradova (Russa) 7 02; 2, C Opara (Nigera) 7.02; 3, J Cuthbert (Jem) 7.28, 800m; 1, M Mutota (Mac) Imin 56 47sec; 2, N Dutchous (Belay 200 12; 3, L Vinesde (Sur) 200.13, 60m hurdler: 1, M Freeman (Jem) 7.94sec; 2, G Russel (Jem) 8.05; 3, C Duckey (US) 8.07.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Atlanta 105 Toronto 84; Charlotto 113 New Jersey 100; Cliweland 83 Indiana 75; Debrat 96 Orlando 87; Ala Lakers 100 Mansacta 84; Vancouver 105 Sen Antonio 101; Phoeno 131 Boston 100 EUROPEAN CLUB CHAMPIONS-ISP-Group G: Pau-Othez (France) 77 Lubljana (Soverna) 71. Group H: Bercelona 75 Partizan Belgrade 73

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Hobert (trand day of four) South Australia 387 and 127-3 (M Faut 63 not out): Tasmatra 249 (R T Porting 126.3 LC South 6-43).

DURBAN: Triangular series: Final: India 191-9 (60 overs): South Altica 22-1 (14.3 overs) Matich abandoned because of rain. RANDLESFONTEN: Tour metch (one day). Australians 284-6 dec (M T & Elici 91; 5 R Waugh 72 retired, M L Hayden 60).

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REAL TENNIS

RUGBY UNION REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Oxford Univ-estly 25 Army 47; Rugby 31 RAF 14, CLUB MATCHES: Blackheath 24 Lough-borough Students 31

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FOOTBALL Kick-off 7 30 unless stated Nationwide League Third division

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RUGBY UNION A international matches Franco v Emerging Wales (at Péngueux, 8 30) iroland v England (at Donnybrook, 2 30) Under-21 international matches

France v Wales (at Stade Colombes, Paris, 6.0) Tour matches Bedford v SW Districts (SA) (7.45)..... Pontypridd v Pretona (SA) (7.0) Ando-Weish competition

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Sale v Cambridge University (7.15).

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Bir mingham v Thames Valley (7 30)

10, Ocean Rover 494; 11, Save The Child-ren 498; 12, Time & Tide 519; 13, 3Com 521; 14, Countaulds International 524.

SQUASH

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Group A: Derham Whe Cusens Helitar 4 Termonth Steet Motors Duffeld 1 (Halitar names first: D'Campion It A About Telob 9-1, 2-9, 9-2, 9-3; M Barrett bt M Alen 5-9, 9-1, 9-4, 4-6, 9-6; L Beachell bt J Russell 9-1, 9-2, 9-2; M Bowers bt W White 9-2, 10-6, 9-7. Emma Witd lost to Robyn Cooper 1-9, 5-9, 0-9; Mornello Distributions Bishop's Stortlerd Selective Mitchell Helitarishies (#Bishop's Stortlerd Selective Internet into 1 Nicolle bt P Lord 3-3, 9-1, 9-3, 8 Ford bt M Hornby 9-7, 9-2, 9-3, J Robbins bt N Met 9-5, 9-3, 9-1; Rebbocos Macroe bt Jane Thacker 5-9, 8-3, 9-1; Rebbocos Macroe bt Jane Thacker 5-9, 8-3, 9-1, 8-7), League positions: Group A: 1, Bishop's Stortlord 31pts: 2, Helitarishier 12, Group B: 1, Chichester 25: 2, Devon and Easter 18: 3, Broshoume 18; 4, Sigmas Swonses 9.

DUBAL Men's tournament First round: J Courter (US) bt A Medvedev (Ur) 8-3, 6-3: S Stollo (Aus) bt D Rid (Cz) 7-5, 6-3: H-J Dands (Holl) bt R Furlan (f) 6-4, 7-6; G Nanisevic (Cro) bt Y B Ayrasou (Mor) 6-3, 6-4. Second round: C Ruad (Nor) bt H Gurry (Arg) 1-6, 6-4, 6-2; T Muster (Austra) bt M Sinner (Gar) 6-4, 6-4.

bi M Simier (Gar) 8-4, 8-4.

SAN JOSE, Galforniar Men's bournament. First round: J Grabb (18) bi G Racca (F1) 7-5, 7-8. G Ruscelor (GB) bi A Hernandez (Mes) 6-3, 6-4; G Doyle (Aus) bi B MacPhile (US) 6-4, 6-8; J Stark (US) bi M Filippini (July 6-3, 6-1; R Renaborg (LS) bi S Lareau (Can) 6-3, 5-7, 8-4; S Sangsian (Ard) bi N Lapentil (Gau) 6-4, 6-1; A Agassi (US) bi M Knowles (Beh) 8-4, 4-6, 6-2. Second round: P Sampara (US) bi J Grandesto (US)

MARSERLES: Men's tournament: First round: T Enqvist (Swe) bt P Fredriesal (Swe) 6-1, 6-2; P Korda (Cz) bt F Rog (Bela) 4-6, 6-4, 7-6; M Roeset (Switz) bt G Schaller (Austria) 6-1, 6-4; H Dreekman (Gar) bt T Champion (Fr) 6-2, 3-1 ret. Second round: M Ross (Chile) bt J Van Herk (Bel) 6-2, 6-4; M Lansson (Swe) bt A Clament (Fr) 6-3, 6-1, Dreekman bt T Carboneli (Sp) 1-6, 7-5, 6-1; Enqvist bt D Hrbetly (Slovaka) 6-3, 6-2, 8-2.

6-1; Briques or D Hirosiy (Slovaka) 6-3, 6-2.

PARIS: Women's tournament: Second round: M Hingis (Switz) bt S Fanna (ft) 6-3, 6-4; I Mejol (Cro) bri A-d Sidot (Fr) 6-4, 6-3; M Pierce (Fr) w/o A Sensi (Cz) scr.; J Novotra (Cz) bri K Bogoeri (Pril) 8-2, 6-4; A Huber (Ger) bt S Appelmans (8-9) 6-3, 6-2.

N Tauzasi (Fr) bt. N. Habsudova, Slovakia) 6-4, 7-6; Y Besuhi (Indo) bt B Schultz-McCarthy (Hol) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

CHEGNVELL: Men's establise tournament: Second round (GB unless stated): C Haggard (SA) bt A Parmar 7-5, 6-3; A Parliate (Bel) br D Draper 6-0, 6-3; T Spinks bt I Tchelychev (Pass) 6-4, 6-7, 7-5; A Richardson bt R Chess (US) 6-2, 6-7, 6-3; A Foster bt M Herischik (Ger) 1-8, 8-4, 7-8; T Leitham (Aus) bt P Ehrandt (Ger) 6-4, 6-1, T

Foster bt M Hentschtk (Ger) 1-8, 6-4, 7-6; 1 Lerktern (Aus) bt P Entarth (Ger) 6-4, 6-1, T Kecke (Fin) bt M Bentofin (ft) 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; N Luideo (Fin) bt Weel 7-6, 7-6; L Milliper bt A Musti (C2) 6-4, 6-2; C Pressley (CS) bt R Kolsavic (Can) 7-6, 6-3; M Statifring (Swe) bt Katola (Fin) 6-3, 6-4; D van Uttelen (Bel) bt C Heggerd (SA) 6-3, 6-2; T Spiniss bt T Lerktern (Aus) 6-2, 0-6, 6-4; A Richardson bt A Foster 6-3, 6-3; J Delgado bt E Lenent (Ger) 6-2, 6-3. (Gar) 6-2, 6-3.

BERMANGHAM: Women's satellite tournsment. Second round (GB unless stated): K Cross to K Gruss (Aus) 2-6, 6-4, 6-1; S-A Siddall bJ. Chouchury 6-4, 7-6; Li. Jahr bt. Woodroif 7-6, 6-4; T Poutchel; (Belej to J Ward 8-1, 6-2; J Lutrovs (Russ) to J Pulle 6-1, 3-6, 6-6; O Nezrovs (Russ) to E Bond 7-5, 6-2; C Taylor bt H Maithrays 6-1, 6-4 Third round. An bt. Latiner 6-4, 6-1; Poutchel; tt. Lutrovs 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 (Gall to Cross 6-1, 6-2; Taylor bt Nanova 6-4, 6-2.

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By Richard Evans

THE uncertainty which has surrounded leading hopes for this year's Cheltenham Gold Cup continued at Thurles yesterday when Dorans Pride made the first serious mistake of his chasing career - and thereby added to the confusion facing punters.

Ironically, the Michael Hourigan-trained nine-yearold had fenced superbly and looked like running out the easy winner of the Kinloch Brae Chase until he tipped up at the penultimate fence, when four lengths clear of his rivals. Dorans Pride put in an extra stride approaching the fence, got in too close and took a heavy fall, but appeared none the worse afterwards.

"I think he would have won

Nap: SPLENDID THYNE (1.30 Sandown Park) Next best: Certainly Strong (2.00 Sandown Park)

and so does Shane (Broderick]. We will see how he is in the morning but no decision on the Gold Cup will be taken for a couple of weeks, and there would have to be cut in the ground for him at Chelten-

ham," Hourigan said.

A quick look at Ladbrokes' revised ante-post prices for the Gold Cup serves only to underline the quandary now facing backers. Imperial Call, who misses an intended engagement at Gowran Park tomorrow, remains the 7-2 favourite despite having suffered a badly interrupted campaign. Dorans Pride is still 4-1 while Danoli, a faller in two of his five chases, is 5-1 (from 6-1).

Dublin Flyer, arguably best at distances short of three miles, is a 6-1 shot and Coome Hill, a faller at Sandown partner Large Action at Chel-

THUNDERER



Juyush, nearside, clears the second on his way to a comfortable success in the Village Novices' Hurdle at Sandown Park yesterday

recently is on 8-1. The Grey Monk, who fell at Leopards-town last time, is a 12-1 chance with Mr Mulligan, who fell in the King George, and Addington Boy, beaten by Dublin Flyer in his last race.

Fortunately, the Champion Hurdle picture is much clearer and a fascinating insight into the race was offered at Sandown yesterday by Jamie Osborne, who has ridden both Collier Bay and Large Action to victory this season. Oliver Sherwood's stable jockey will

tenham, but he suggested discreetly that punters have probably got it right by having Collier Bay as favourite.

One is a 3-1 chance and the other is a 5-1 chance. Given what Collier Bay achieved last season and now that he has had a run he deserves to be favourite, but if you are on a 5-I second favourite you have some chance of winning and I am not discounting Large Action as a potential Champion Hurdle winner.

"It is hard to equate the two horses because they have run under different ground conditions. When Collier Bay ran at Towcester it was soft, while Large Action has won on fastish ground. I have been impressed with Large Action all season but I had to be impressed by Collier Bay last week. He will come on a lot for

Osborne was speaking after another Jim Old-trained horse, Juyush, had maintained his unbeaten record over hurdles in the opener at Sandown. Although he won by 21 lengths at odds of 6-1 on.

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2.05 HORTHERN RACING HANDICAP HURDLE

5-2 Bend Sable, 3-1 Samunid, 4-1 Daubys Gome, 5-1 Electic, 7-1 Elation, 8-1 Fox Spacou, 12-1 others.

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5-2 Coppi Lare, 3-1 Sold Account, 6-1 Real Tonic, 7-1 Kiltnika, 8-1 Aristotiemus Dark Bury, Le Denstan, 12-1 others.

3.15 HEIGHESSY COGNAC SPECIAL SERIES NOVICES

7-4 Alzelu, 2-1 Good Vibes, 7-2 Deca Point, 8-1 Catherine's Choice, 10-1 Metaloi 33-1 Jungle Fresh

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

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THUNDERER

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

(£2,285: 2m) (8 runners)

HURDLE (£6,148: 2m) (6)

the ex-Flat horse will need to improve his jumping to have any chance in the Supreme Novices or Royal SunAlliance Hurdle at Cheltenham. "Jamie said he was fright-

ened when another horse fell alongside him at the third flight of hurdles and some-thing jumped into him," Old said. "He switched off for a jump or two. We won't go for the Champion Hurdle and the ground will probably dictate which race he runs in at Cheltenham."

The Wroughton trainer is

thrilled with the way Collier Bay has come out of his Towcester race and, in selfmocking tones, he added:

"Only I can muck it up now." Coome Hill, Osborne's likely mount in the Gold Cup, will run in the Jim Ford Chase at Wincanton next Thursday provided there is decent ground. Osborne believes the Hennessy Gold Cup winner is not without a chance but added: "If he's got a chance in the Gold Cup, he must be a good thing in the Grand National with 10st 6lb!"

THUNDERER 2.10 El Nido. 2.45 Absolute Magic. 3.20 State Of

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.70 LAXTON HANDICAP (£2.346; 2m) (9 nunners) 1 4134 EL NEDO 4 (CD.F.E.S) D Chapman 9-10-4 (4e4) H Bastiman (5) 4 2 322 MASTER FOODBROKER 7 (B.CD.G) W Masson 9-9-7

2 NACE MASSIESS PULLUSSHERRESS / (ELED,G) W Massies 99-7
3 165 PARKICIFE 18 (C.G) P Hissiam 5-9-0 P Scode (7) 7
4 004 LA MICHOREUMNA 924 (CDLG) D Mahis 7-8-13 Sandurs 6
5 3313 (RUMMARTYMA GREL 11 (C.F.G) J Parkes 7-8-10 D Hissians 9
6 04-0 PASCO 11 M Carocho 4-8-7 L Chamock 8
7 0117 WORLD WITHOUT END 14J (8,5) M Soversky 8-8-4
D Fraccount (C. N. P Fessey (5)
8 000- SWYNFORD SUPPENE 24J J Botoseley 4-8-4 . N Carlisle
9 -030 MAPENEO 2 (5) J Cultinan 5-3-1 J Custon

11-4 Master Foodbroker, 4-7 Kleanzarysa Gat, 5-1 Paddille, 6-1 El Nisto, 8-1 La Menorquina, Flasto, 10-1 Mapengo, 12-1 others.

2.45 HARDWICK CLAUMING STAKES (\$2,294: 1m) (14)

(\$2,294: 1m) (14)

1 15-0 ASSOLUTE MASIC 42 (0.BF.F.G.S) W Horges 7-9-7 W Ryan 1
2 1051 ASSOLUTE MASIC 42 (0.BF.F.G.S) D Nicholds 6-9-7 Alex Greaves 2
3 1212 RAMBO WALTOER 4 (CD.BF.F.G.S) D Nicholds 6-9-7 Alex Greaves 2
4 06 LISST N THE PLOST 7 C Thomson 4-9-13. Dean McMands (7) 13
5 400- WHITHERELISHARRY 25-J Berry 4-9-13. C Learnier (7) 5
6 400- SWRTHERN FRH 4 (D.D.S) N Trailer 5-9-9. S Whitherant 8
7 00-1 SARASS 42 (C.D.G) M Camacin 5-8-9. L Charmock 14
8 0-00 WANTHERN STORY (CD.F.S) W Haigh 9-8-5. R Lappon 10
0 4-5 LUCHESS 2-9 (D.G.S) Hebenfor 6-7 Carbly Basic (7) 4
9 -000 MAJOR MOISE 14 (CD.F.S) W Haigh 9-8-5. R Lappon 10
10 4-5 LUCHESS 2-9 (D.G.S) Hebenfor 6-8-7 Carbly Basic (7) 4
11 0-45 SIDOY 25 (2.0.G) J Hebenfor 4-8-2. N Adams 6
12 0-43 GDDY 25 (2.0.G) J Hebenfor 6-8-2. S Drivens 11
14 5-0- SCLUCH TYKE 288 Miss M Waligan 4-8-1. J Quinn 8
2-Leventh Wass. 4-1 Renthy Walter 6-8 A Absolute Mains. 8-1 Sarasi. 10-1 5-2 Jeseph's Wees, 4-1 Rambo Waltzer, 6-1 Absolute Magic, 8-1 Sarasi, 10-1 Whotherlistany, Warhurst, 12-1 others.

3.20 RAINWORTH HANDICAP (£4,143: 1m) (10) 1 -Uni (DNSCHEP BOY 11 (CD.F.S) M Ryon 8-9-11 (Sec)... A Clark: 2 30-1 STATE OF CAUTION 18 (B.C.S) D Straw 4-9-10 ... J Francing: 3 0205 AWESTONE VENTURE 25 (CD.G.S) M Chapters 7-98. D R Mediate:

3-) Seo Sporsso, 7-2 Live Project. 5-) Le Sport, 6-) Spois Of Caubon, 7-1 Magerho Soy, 8-1 Berdico, Bull Staard, 10-1 others.

3.55 KIRKBY-DI-ASHFIELD FILLIES HANDICAP (£2,752; 6f) (9)

1 000- MITOMAS MELDOY S7 (D.G.S) S Bowing 4-10-0 S Webster 1 2 12-6 MARJORE ROSE 49 (D.B.F.S) A Baby 4-9-13 D Webster 1 2 12-6 MARJORE ROSE 49 (D.B.F.S) A Baby 4-9-13 D Webster 4 3 5-43 ARTINAS CONTESSA 11 (CD.S) B Paleing 5-9-5 T Sprokes 6 4 69-0 DE ROBE 7 (B.C.D.F.S) D Hoper Johns 5-9-5 M Tokhout 7 5 500- GORANICE 132 J Hebreton 4-9-1 M Tokhout 7 6 56-0 BALBSKY 3S (B) J Barry 4-8-9 P Robotis (S) 5 7 0-04 HOREWARL 9 N (CD.S) N Bycost 4-8-1 D Castas 6 9 000- CARBONAU GF LIBST 77 (D) J Moreh 5-7-10 M Castas 9 000- CARBONAU GF LIBST 77 (D) J Moreh 5-7-10 M Ratins 2 3-1 Ansta's Centessa 7-2 Narjoria Rosa, 5-1 Bahristy, 6-1 Delrob, 8-1 Pois-C. Antonias Metody, Honeytad, 10-1 others.

4.25 MAPLEBECK SELLING STAKES (£2,085: 1m 4f) (5)

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1 -224 FORZAR 7 (CD.S) J.107NeW S-9-0 W Ryton 3

2 -462 SHATTECOCK 7 (CB.S) II Chapmen 6-9-0 C Tempon (3) 5

3 510 SHARP GABLEL ESS (CF.SS) IS Smart 7-8-9 S Senders 1

4 105- ANOTHER QUARTER 73 (CD.F.S) M Chapman 4-8-6

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5.00 GIRTON HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2,294: 1m 3f) (7)

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAPHERS: W Halposs, 6 winners from 26 numbers, 23.1%, M. Johnston, 46 from 209, 22.1%; M. Ryan, 27 from 108, 19.4%; P. Hustarn, 15 from 82, 18.3%, D. Shaw, 4 from 22, 18.7%; W. W. Halph, 20 from 100, 16.7% JOCKEYS: D Holland, 20 whotes hore 93 rdes, 21.5%; B Hartson, 21 from 127, 16.5%, D McGrown, 35 from 285, 12.3%; H Bestiman, 3 from 28, 12.0%, B Lapper, 10 from 86, 11.6%; C Tangue, 23 from 201, 11.4%.

☐ Dato Star, trained by Malcolm Jefferson, has been ruled out for the rest of the season after a veterinary scan. The gelding was quoted at 14-1 for the Champion Hurdle. "He was scanned this morning and has got a slight suspensory strain," Jefferson said.

SANDOWN PARK

1.30 Queen Of Spades 2.00 Certainly Strong 2.35 Silngsby

3.10 Dantes Cavalie 3.45 Dextra Dove 4.50 Little Crumplin

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

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GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

.30 FOX HATIONAL HUNT HOVICES HURDLE

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5-4 Gueen Di Sparies, 5-1 Tower Street, 5-1 Sphendid Thyrne, 8-1 Star Mystery, 10-1 Father Henry, 12-1 nd. Behrenio, 16-1 wisers. 1996; SIR LEONARD 6-11-0 C Mande (11-2) S Sherwood 14 rat

OUSEN OF SPADES beat Endowment 181 in novice hundle at Westerby (2m, good) New 96, SPLENDIO THYNE beat Serson Conta 134 in makine horste at Lingsied (2m 110)d, sally with DARK ORCHARD (4b better off) 1740 etc. LINELY ENCOUNTER (4b better off) 101 Sh and THIRTY BELOW (4b better off) 101 Sh and THIRTY BELOW (4b better off) 101 Sh and THIRTY BELOW (4b better off) 461 15th, BELVENTO 687 90s to Princetal in National Heat Rat race at Towcester (2m, soll).

2.00 SABRINA GOODWILL I LOVE YOU ALWAYS HANDICAP CHASE (£6,301: 2m) (4 runners)

BETTORS: 4-5 Certainly Strong, 5-2 Lord Durcet, 7-2 Mister Oddy, 10-1 Trumbs Up.

1998: SOUTHAMPTON 6-10-0 A P McCoy (7-2) G Balding 5 Apr

FORM FOCUS

2.35 BADGER NOVICES CHASE (£3,420; 2m 4f 110yd) (7 numers)

BETTING: 2-1 Ayles Micie, 9-4 Strassov, 5-1 The Captain's Wish, 8-1 Eddogy, 10-1 Salegilds, Red Branch, 12-

FORM FOCUS

SLIMSSBY bent Uncle Aloy 71 in 10-cymer coxice chase at Leccision (2m & 110pd, good to Stro). ARFER MOLE basid Secreti Call 25 in 4-miner handsop chase at Torocción (2m 110pd, good). EULOGY aboot 51 3rd of 6 to Yahm in the grade it

cisson at Warrenck (2nn 4t 110)et, good to linni). This CAPTAIN'S WiSH 11 2nd oil 13 to Lets Be Frank is Spedicap hardle at Warrenck (2nn 31, good to linni) JULETI JUNES 1912 And 15 to Beaston in bandicap chase at Tomosster (2nn 110)et, good to soit) on

3.10 scottish equitable/lockeys association series handicap

SFP-64F BRASS OF MAR 14 (C.F.G.S) (Ducon Elizabeth) N 2 2-416 MUJNEGTON 74 (D.BF,S) (I) Pethon J Softon B-11-3. Price 3 11/2214 DARTES CAMALER SS (D.F.S) (N' Doe) (D' Gandolto 7-11-2. R' Domeson) 4 39-2051 DARK HONEY 16 (CD.G.S) (R' Sayer) S Dom 12-11-1 . A Declar. 5 22/10-50 BELL COLE 13 (P) (Mrs. J Selfort) A Doen 8-10-13 . DOUBTILL 5 D-3F480 DATE POSE 25 (S) (Mrs. J Redness) M Shepmer 7-10-7 . A Magnite 7 14-1254 CASSIO'S BOY 24 (S) (uncertain Racing) R Etiley 5-10-1 . R Johnson 8 (LSR-0-2 JACKSON R.NY 67 (F) (Mrs. L Tourer) 7 Transcorn Jones 9-10-1 J Castley 9 15-1 ROSE-8 64 (D.G.S) (interest Racing) N Babbage 7-10-0 . N Williamson Long handicze: Rosie-B 9-12.

BETTING: 7-4 Castes Caraties, 5-1 Kitosington, 6-1 Rosie-B. 7-1 Catle Rose, 8-1 Cassio's Boy, Jackson Flist 1996: EVER SMILE 9-11-5 O Burraes (8-1) M Pize 15 can

FORM FOCUS

RELIMINISTOR bear Captain Jack 31 in 11-runner payers hundle at Wincardan (2m 6) good) on peoplement start, DANTES CAVALLER teet Kothell 141 marker hundle at Folkestone (2m 6) 110yd, good in soil) in marker hundle at Folkestone (2m 6) 110yd, good in soil) ROSE-8 bear Paddysway 11 in 8-runner hundlesp teet at Jamelin (3m 110yd, good).

2nd of 7 to Moment Of Glory in handicap burdle at Selection: ROSE-8

3,45 stag handicap chase (£6,470: 3m 110yd) (6 runners)

BETTMS: 2-1 Desira Done, 5-2 Hol Ci Tuston 4-1 Superior Finish, 7-1 Dennes Bay, 8-1 James Pigg, 10-1 other 1996: ARTHER'S MINISTRE. 9-17-2 R Johnson (14-1) D Nicholson 9 ran

FORM FOCUS DEXTRA DOVE best Northern Fide 21/3 in handing class over course and distance (good to firm).

SUPERIOR FINISH best SISTON ARREY (3th belter off) 21 in 15-more handison class has (3m good to firm) May 96. DENVER BAY 8/41 3rd for 0f 1/2 to 15-more handison class at Welterby (2m 41 110/4, good to soft), law 8/41, DE TILLIOW 191
3rd of 7 to Dublin Payer in Inadetap class at Selection: DEXTRA DOVE

4.15 CAT & MOUSE CLAIMING HURDLE (52,262: 2m 110yd) (6 runners)

| 206-300 EOFRESS, GEFT 13 (D.G.S) (Al Homes) Mrs. M. Rossloy 8-11-10... R. Denemondy | 206-300 EOFRESS, GEFT 13 (D.G.S) (Al Homes) Mrs. M. Rossloy 8-11-10... R. Denemondy | 206-216 EMACE KING 1995 (D.F.) (T. Denemos) T. Distanti 5-11-7... C. Lievellyin - 3 000216 EMACE KING 1995 (D.F.) (T. Denemos) T. Distanti 5-11-7... W. McErstanti 7-2 4... W. McErstanti 7-2 4... W. McErstanti 7-5 7-55722 STOMEY VALLEY 29F (D.F.E.S) (Eliss 8 Parimers Ltd) J. Jestáns 7-10-9 N. Williamson 90 6... 32-3255 PEDALIOTHEMETAL 13 (6 Harrs.) P. Machell 5-10-7... 6. Tortmay 75 BETTING. 4-6 Express Gift, 3-1 Stoney Valley, 6-1 Pedalfollustratal, 8-1 Cance King, 25-1 Others 1986; PROGNARCH 6-10-9 J Reitlas (13-2) R Phillips, 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

ECPRESS EIFT 1394 3rd of 6 to Antibemetic in handleap hundle at Planngton Con. 41, good to handleap hundle at Misself (2m 41 10)rd, good to soll) are consultantes start. PEDALTOTHEMETAL 99 and 9 to Barbord Soverage in handleap hundle at handle at whitestry Chin, good to firm on personal parties start. STONEY VALLEY 41 2rd of 7 to beneate

4.50 OTTER STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,448: 2m 110yd) (16 numers)

BETTINES. 4-1 Direm Leader, 5-1 Shebarry, 6-1 Little Crutoplist, 7-1 Fire Opal, 6-1 Countryman. Zepth The Phaplacon Fathers, 12-1 offices

1996, HURRICANE LAMP 5-11-0 R Johnson (5-1) D Nicholson 20 ran

DAWN LEADER total A-El-Cee 41 in National Hunt that case at Workester (2m, from). COUNTRYNAMA 51 Shakester) Hunt flat race at Weitherby (2m, good). LITTLE CRUMIPUN 3561 3nd to Dutaid in National Hunt flat race at Weitherby (2m, good) SHERANG 51 2nd to Mountain Storm in National Hunt flat race at Fortunell (2'Mm, Selection: DAWN LEADER).

SANDOWN PARK SPECIALISTS ...

TRAINERS: D Nicholson, 31 winners from 87 runners, 35 8%; P Nichols, 6 from 18, 33.3%; J Old, 8 from 34, 23.5%; Mrs. M Revoley, 5 from 22, 22.7%; S Dow, 5 from 24, 20.5%; O Shewood, 9 from 44, 20.5%; J Gifford, 21 from 102, 15.9%; C Brooks, 7 from 44, 15.9%; J Shewood, 30 winners from 97 notes, 30.9%; A Maguire, 20 from 86, 23.3%; R Johnson, 3 from 13, 23.1%; C Maude, 7 from 31, 22.6%; A Dicken, 3 from 19, 15.8%; J Ockson, 16 from 109, 15.1%; L Harwy, 3 from 20, 15.0%; P Hide, 10 from 78, 12.8%

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1.45 Sousse, 2.20 Wixoe Wonder, 2.55 Climon, 3.30 Merilena, 4.05 Prinzal, 4.40 Kintavi. Carl Evans: 4.05 Cab On Target.

- SIS going: 600D

1.45 SHERINGHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

(\$2,740: 2m) (11 numers)

5. Sc.ose 5-1 Emerator Venture, 6-1 Captain Mannahale, Sommer Wila, 7-1 Dr. Ca. 6. 5-7 Rich's Gamble, 12-1 others. 2.20 PRINCE CARLTON HANDICAP CHASE (£4,036: 3m 110yd) (10)

(£4,036: 3m 110yd) (10)

21-P ARTIC WINES 13 (£D.BF.F.E.S) 0 Browns 9-12-0. M Breaking 30-5 DARREN THE BRANE 28 (D.S) C Brooks 9-12-0. G Stading 3 PS13 WHIPPERS 0ELERIT 11 (ED.S) 6 Clarins-Junes 9-11-6. X Applies (7)

4 0605 MR BRANDER 16 (B.D.S) N Seales 10-11-4. M Ministron 5-139 GLEN MERINEE 14 (CD.F.G.S) M Countro 12-11-4. M Ministron 6-14-14 (CD.F.G.S) M Countro 12-11-3. Lawrence 1002 GOOD FOR A LAUGH 15 (G.S) A Hobbs 13-10-10 Mr G Street (7)

5 PSE WENDE WONDER 70 M Branistock 7-10-7. M F G Street (7)

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6 PSE VENUE WONDER 4-1 Darren 70 Borne 9-2 Whappers Despit, 5-1 Mr Invander.

*** I Nove Novelet. 4-1 Dartes The Bore. 9-2 Whapters Delayla, 5-1 Mr bander. 5-1 Store For A Leasty, 7-1 After Wags. 12-1 offices

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANSERS: O Shermood 4 womens from 10 renners, 48,0%; O Brevian, 12 from 31, 38,7%; K Badey, 5 from 27, 72,7%; G Beauty, 3 from 15, 20,0%; Mrs D Haire, 4 from 21, 19,0%; Only quelifines. JOCKEYS. J. A McCartoy, 4 winners from 12 (des. 33.35, Martin 2005.20. 17 from 42.26.25. Day qualifiers.

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7 107901 £256 80. Quadpot £92.50.

2.55 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND NATIONAL

D-30 APPAL SEVENTH 23 J Neyfile 6-11-0 1-65 ARCTIC TRUMEPH 13 (6) M Bandatock 6-11-0 -0-02 CLANTON 22 K Bailey 6-11-0 OH HOLICHAN BAY 28 I. Wentingham 5-11-0 -32: PEACE LORD 24 (6) Mrs D Haine 7-11-0 48 SUPER RAPPER 81 6 Newfood 5-11-0 49° CLASHAWAN 295 0 Storme 7-10-4 15 THE LADY CAPTANI 15 (6) D Thom 5-10-8...

3.30 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £3,378; 3m 110yd) (7)

1 -060 CHARTER LANE 15 Mrs L James 7-10-10 D Lanky
2 -4-44 FLBPPANCE 15 N Section 7-10-10 M Minister
3 3959 JOKEN JACK 59 (F.S) R Own 12-10-10 T Dissouche (S)
4 F2-0 ROLLESTON BLADE 16 (F.S) J Best 10-10-10 Mr P O'Reselfs (7)
5 479- SHARROW RAY 300P A hobbs 10-10-10 R B Greens
7 479 MR.WARREE 15 D Brances 8-10-5 M Bernam 4-6 Filippance, 9-2 Meritana, 8-1 Rollesian Blade, 10-1 Chaster Lane, Shasson Bay, 16-1 John Jack, 25-1 Millionaliza,

4.05 WALTER WALES MEMORIAL CUP HUNTER .CHASE (Amateurs: £2,566: 2m 5i 110yd) (10) 1 12/3 ARSE 20P (F) A Versey B-11-10 E James (7) 2 P2-1 CAB ON TARGET 13 (D.F.C.S) Mcs. M Templey 11-11-10 S Sandess

3 16-3 EMSSE-H 13P (F.E.S) J Tomar 12-11-10 A Sensorma 5 4 113 EARIUS 633 (B.CD/F.S) D Brown 11-11-10 A Resorma 5 15 18-F DOUTIC 7 (B.F.G.S) P Chamings 9-11-10 C Vigors 5 29-1 MST MACK 22 (CD.F.S.S) P Jonason 11-11-10 R Weisley (7 A2-ND MORE TRIX 468 (D.F.B.S) W Burnell 11-11-10 W Burnell (7 A2-ND MORE TRIX 468 (D.F.B.S) W Burnell 11-11-10 W Burnell (7 A2-ND MORE TRIX 468 (D.F.B.S) W Burnell 11-11-10 W Burnell (7 A2-ND MORE TRIX 468 (D.F.B.S) F ARCOUNT 10-11-10 M Burnell (7 A2-ND MORE TRIX 468 (D.F.B.S) F ARCOUNT 11-11-10 M Burnell (7 A2-ND MORE TRIX 468 (D.F.B.S) F ARCOUNT 11-11-10 M Burnell (7 A2-ND MORE TRIX 468 (D.F.B.S) F ARCOUNT 11-11-10 M Burnell (7 A2-ND MORE TRIX 468 (D.F.B.S) F ARCOUNT 11-11-10 M Burnell (7 A2-ND MORE TRIX 468 (D.F.B.S) F A2-ND M

4.40 CROMER HANDICAP HURDLE

LC,950: 2011) (0)

1 3232 LORD) MCMERRONISK 60 (5) J. Nividle 7-12-0 T Descorde (3)

2 -163 MEHELANE 66 (D.B) O Stereood 7-11-10 ____ J. A McCarby

3 11-5 THENELBORATHENRY 15 (D.F.s) C Equitor 7-11-8

M Berry (7)

4 3212 (DRYAM 3 (D.B.S) T Describy 7-10-7 ___ P Nivers

5 112/ (RISK EMERALD 701F (CD.F.S) & Bravery 10-10-1 ___ M Bressan

8 P-00 AJDAR 15 (CD.S) O Breston 6-10-1 ____ M Bressan

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S AUGUSTANCES

Sandown Park

23.0, C1 90. DF: E4.90 CST-10 of 197: 70 of 455 (2m if hole) 1, TRISTRAM'S MAGE (M A Fitzgerald, 2-1 law); 2. Welson Arsanal (R A Fitzgerald, 2-1 law); 2. Welson Arsanal (R A Fitzgerald, 2-1 law); 2. Welson Arsanal (R Evars, 5-4); ALSO RAN' 7 Cuben Nights Evars, 5-4); ALSO RAN' 7 Cuben Nights Evars, 5-4); ALSO RAN' 7 Cuben Nights Evars, 5-4); Also Detty (M), Papid (M), Papid Di Rends, 50 Moor Dath [ru], Rapid Liner, 65 Abbeydissin, Fest Footstaps: 14 Line; 65 Abbeydissin, Fest Footst

2.70 (2m 11 hole) 1, DISSOL/FE (Mr. I. Beher, 33-11; 2, D'Nisan (C. Mesca, 3-1 land, 3 Going: good, good to soft in places 1.50 Gm 3f chy 1, Cover Point (P Carberry, 4-7 tay); 2, Staging Home (9-2); 3, Alorit (50-1); 7 ms. 52, dist. J. Fizzgenist, Total 21.30; 51.10, 51.70, DF: \$2.20, CSF: £3.16. 2: AU, ET. 10, ET.70. DF: 82-20. CSF: E3.16.
2:20 (2m holes) 1, Skc Clerke (P Cardony, 4-9 ke/; 2, Isasel) (7-1); 3, Datay Rymar (12-1)
13 ram 144, 71. J. Fürgsteldt. Toke: E1.40; 21.10. E1.30, E1.40. DF: 82-20. Trice: E1.30. CSF: 84-20. CSP 94.20.

2.55 (3m 11 110yd ch) 1, Gold Pigeon (8 Storey, 14-1), 2, Tico Gold (6-4 kter), 3, Sperrow Hell (6-4 kter), 5 ran. 5, 181 B Piotheset Toter E13.10; 23.60, 21.10 DF 93.0 CSF E34.12.

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Imperative for England to extinguish Irish fire

an especially dangerous place. I was on the losing side there in 1985 and 1987 and on the bench in 1993, when we were beaten again. It is often said that, because England were the first to ignore the political troubles and play there in 1973, somehow Ireland are more kindly disposed towards the English. I am not so sure

about that. If the wind is blowing, the ball is being pumped high and

Ireland, rightly, are chirpy after beating Wales in Cardiff. Tomorrow is the acid test of the England side's development and character, far more so than against Scotland. If England survive, the second half of the five nations' championship can be approached

The worst thing that Eng-land could do is get carried away by the record defeat of Scotland. They produced a few minutes of outstanding rugby. In all honesty, however, Scot-

angers lurk in Dub-back, there is no worse place land had thrown in the towel.

lin. For England, for a visiting team.

Lansdowne Road is Ireland, rightly, are chiral The Ireland pack is a different proposition. Tails are up and England arrive still saddled with talk of expansive rugby. Dublin is no place to get hung up with ideas of fancy stuff. in Ireland, the storm abates

erything thrown at them for

an hour and striking with a

couple of quick counter-at-

tacks. Above all, England must show patience. Allow

Ireland to get on top, as I

only if it is tempered. France managed to do that on the opening weekend of the championship, absorbing ev-

Rob Andrew has first-hand experience of the dangers

waiting at Lansdowne Road

remember only too vividly in the 17-0 defeat in 1987, and a tidal wave washes you away. The Irish love nothing better than their forwards smashing

their way up field and their backs scything through after garryowens. That is what Dublin crowds love and is what England can expect tomorrow. Brian Ashton, in his

pressure is on Paul Grayson, advisory coaching capacity, will not have changed that Will Carling and Phil de

essential Irishness. I have made no pretence of the qualms I have about Andy Gomarsall at scrum half for England. He is instinctive, possesses lovely footballing skills and is a good runner, but great instinct does not

maker. Tomorrow he has to demonstrate calmness under and hand even before you had barnstorming giants. pressure, show the ability to take the right option and kick tactically far better than he has done. England also lack a playmaker at No 8, so the

Glanville to guide them. Grayson's place-kicking will be vital. With both ends open to the elements, Lansdowne Road is not of the modern ilk presents a true test of nerve and skill. Two years ago a gale ripped down the pitch and the

passed or kicked. That day it blew a bit too hard even for Ireland's liking and England

The lessons from that victory were to give Ireland nothing to play off and frustrate them. First, however, England must curb the Ireland forwards. The front three are ruggedly solid; Jeremy Davidson and Paddy Johns are secure at the lineout; and, in the back row, Denis McBride is the great grafter on the floor, while David Corkery

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filled the hooking role of the injured Keith Wood in Cardiff. He made a fine debut. Even if Wood recovered in time for the British Isles tour to South Africa this summer, I would take Nesdale as my second hooker. In New Zealand, he was understudy to Sean Fitz-patrick at Auckland for four years. He is cool, calm, collected and technically outstanding; but England have sufficient strength about them

Popplewell passed fit for Dublin

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE 1997 five nations' championship, the third leg of which takes place in Dublin and Paris tomorrow, will contribute significantly to the pilot appointments introduced by the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB). For the first time, this year, appointments will be determined by a three-man panel, according to a world ranking

There was considerable disquiet in official circles at some of the refereeing displays in the pre-Christmas internationals in the northern hemisphere, while the performance of southern-hemisphere officials this weekend will be closely monitored. Colin Hawke, from New Zealand, handles Ireland's game with England while Peter Marshall, from Australia, takes charge when France play host to Wales.

Peter Brook, from England, will chair the appointments panel upon which both hemispheres will be represented and implementation will be a primary responsibility of Steve Griffiths, who has been referee development officer. Griffiths, 45, will leave a similar post with the Rugby Football Union (RFU) in May to take up his new position. based in Dublin.

Each of the board's eight founder members will nominate three referees for consideration by the panel, the first fruits of whose labours will be seen during the tri-nations series involving New Zealand, Australia and South Africa this summer. The merit-based system means, for example, that the decisive match in the handled by an official from one of the competing countries if, in the panel's judgment, he

handling a match of so high a The international squads completed their preparations yesterday, with Ireland confi-dent that Nick Popplewell, the Newcastle prop. has overcome a strained hamstring and will play against England. Popplewell, 32, will win his 44th cap tomorrow and is his country's most experienced player, while, at the other end

has the best qualifications for

the Irish scale, Dennis Hickie celebrated his 21st birthday yesterday on the eve of his second cap, having made a try-scoring debut on the wing against Wales two Jason Leonard, Popplewell's opposite number — they propped the British Isles scrum together in New Zea-land in 1993 — has warned England what to expect at Lansdowne Road, where only

five of the XV have appeared in a championship match before. "The kitchen sink and everything else will be coming our way." Jack Rowell, the coach, said, "and Jason has that Will Carling undertook before the game against Scotland." While England flew into

Dublin during the afternoon, the first board meeting was held in London of the company that will run the professional end of the English game. There will be a general expectation that the English Rugby Partnership - favoured to replace the working title of "Newco" applied initially to the company, though still subject to due legal processes - can live up to its name and take the club game forward in conjunction with the RFU.

Bateman happy to indulge in poetic inspiration

Gerald Davies mourns

the way centres have

been turned into

battering-rams

The art of centre threequarter play is almost always on the verge of being submerged by some weighty tactical and technical theory. In what is repeatedly referred to as the "modern game" the role of the midfield players is continually analysed and redefined.

Usually this takes the form of diminishing their style and vision, which is ultimately to the detriment of the game and, some iof us believe, its ambitions to poetic inspiration. It is the centre with the timing of a sweet pass and an eye for the gap who so often begins the dramatic sweep which gives rugby its enter-prising width of movement. Centres are getting bigger



in every way - an additional pair of back-row forwards. Out goes elegance as they are perceived as no more than battering-rams, I fear. Except that, once in a while, our faith is restored. Sooner or later the theorists have to acknowledge, reluctantly, that the verities of rugby — the speed of the ball, the accuracy of the pass, the creation of space and so on -- are constant.

If Brive, in the Heineken Cup final, gave an afternoon's lesson in the friction-less arts of centre play, Wales provided a vignette of what is possible against Scotland. The catalyst for Wales's first try was Allan Bateman running from a deeper position than is normaily advised these days. He took a straight course, then, almost allowing the flight of the hall to determine matters. he swerved outwards on an angle. In taking the ball late in its flight, Bateman went beyond Scott Hastings in a



Bateman has adjusted in splendid style to the demands of rugby union at international and club level after his spell in rugby league

classical outside break of a kind that, because of other players' inability to alter a predetermined alignment, there are too few these days.

"I changed my mind," Bateman, 31, said. "Had I taken my original line of straight running, Hastings would have tackled me. Because of Arwel Thomas' pass I could angle my run by letting the ball do the work. Had I started from a flatter position I could not have done it. I had to begin my run from further back. It doesn't matter if it is a flat pass, you hit the ball at a faster pace, which gives you time, if you wish, to take a wider angle."

This makes abundant sense. Yet there is little evidence that other centres practise the simple technique.

However, it is the way they practise at Richmond.

Bateman is grateful to be back in rugby union after leaving Neath in 1990 to play rugby league for the next five years at Warrington and the past two with Cronulla in Australia. In his first year at Richmond he is delighted to be back in the game that he much prefers.

"When I moved to rugby league," the player who won four caps before the change said, "I noticed a massive difference. Rugby league demanded that you be fitter and more powerful. It was also more straight forward and direct. The defences were two straight lines. It was set play all the time, short, sharp

power game. But in order to break down the defences we had to look for the gaps, run at different angles and to em-ploy decoys. We had to hit a

flat defence at pace." He joined Richmond in October last year and has made an immediate impact. He played for the Barbarians against the Australians before Christmas.

"I have a lot to be thankful to the Barbarians," he said. "I wanted to play representative rugby but wasn't too sure whether I would be capable of competing at that level so soon. But when I played at Twickenham it was the chance I needed and found that I could cope with the

challenge." He scored a try but stumbled so much that he only just

managed to keep his balance as he almost crawled his way to the line.

He admits, too, that rugby union nowadays is a much faster game where players need to be stronger. "If I felt a difference when I

moved to league I must say that I have found a big difference in returning to union. The game is more organised. The laws have speeded up the game and because of the continuity which league lacks a player needs a different kind of fitness to cope with a more

"Because of professionalism the playing standards have risen to the extent that there are more clubs throughout the country capable of competing at the highest level.

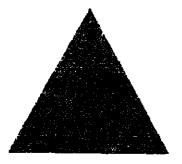
flowing game.

As opposed to the four or five who could do so when I left Neath, there are close to a dozen now."

Since his impressive return to international rugby, which has suddenly placed him in the forefront of British Isles selection for the summer tour to South Africa, Bateman injured himself in his club's match against Bedford two weeks ago. He damaged the cartilage and ligament in his knee. He has undergone an arthroscopy and missed the Ireland game. He has trained this week and all Wales must hope that he is fully recovered for match with France tomorrow at the Parc des Princes. It is quite clear that the Welsh back division does not func-

tion half as smoothly without

Be mine tonight.



Ditto.



Base BRITAIN'S BEST SELLING PREMIUM HAND PULLED ALE SINCE 1777.

Miller's growing reputation built on strong Gaelic roots

By Karl Johnston

ALEC DUNLOP, a life-long stalwart of YMCA Cricket Club in Dublin, has some advice for the Irish Rugby Football Union. They should send scouts to under-age Gael-ic football matches, identify the most talented young players and then persuade them to take up rugby." he said.

The suggestion stems from Dunlop's admiration for Eric Miller, and few would disagree when he says that the new Ireland No 8 is the most promising young forward to emerge on the Irish international scene in years. Miller's rise and rise was helped, in Dunlop's opinion, by the Gaelic football that he played before taking up rugby at Wesley College.

Miller was also a cricket allrounder, turning out for YMCA. I just played for the thirds and fourths, really," he said. He also played cricket at school, and was capped by Leinster at provincial under-18 level; he played under-15 soc-cer for Dublin and had a Gaelic football trial with the the county under-18 side.

Gaelic football is a catchand-kick game involving soaring leaps for possession and a high degree of athleticism. Watching Miller either in training or during a game, it is easy to understand how the youngster from Knockivon, in

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mountains, excelled at his first sport, with Ballyboden St Enda's, before going to Wesley College as a boarder.

"That's when I was introduced to rugby, and eventually I didn't have time for Gaelic [football] or soccer any more. Miller said. "So I played rugby all through my school career, and that's what started me in the game, really.

"I love all sports, and there

is not any one game which I could say I dislike. I miss playing other sports, but rugby has taken over and, these days, I simply don't have time to play anything else." This particular Miller's Tale

has been a fast-moving one. At Wesley College, he was a centre, then a flanker and



Miller: sporting all-rounder . Underwood."

of his school career included a Leinster Junior Cup final, two Senior Cup quarter-finals and most disappointing — defeat in the Senior Cup semi-

"I'll never forget that day, losing to Clongowes. It was terrible, a nightmare," he said. However, the consolations included a place in the Ireland Schools side that won the Triple Crown in 1992-93 and his retention of that place the next year. Then it was on to Old Wesley RFC, and representative matches for Leinster Under-20, Ireland Under-21, Irish Colleges and the Leinster Development XV.

Last season, he made his Ireland A debut and shared in the Ireland Under-21 side's Triple Crown success, after joining Leicester. The best thing I ever did," Miller said of the move to England.

"I wanted to go to college near there, and some good friends of my dad knew Peter Wheeler mow the chief executivel, who was the club president at the time. Anyway, I was a television supporter of Leicester, and I always wanted to play for them.

Going to Leicester was a big help to my game. I've learnt a lot from Bob Dwyer and by playing alongside people like Dean Richards. Martin Johnson and Rory

sional game, but with a word of caution. I'm trying to get through college, as well," he said. "If guys can spin college out over a couple of years and don't give it up, they could have another string to their bows, as well as being a

professional player." The new international is not fazed by the prospect of the showdown at Lansdowne Road tomorrow. "I can't wait for it, really," he said. "England have to be favourites, but. if we play to our strengths, play with confidence and play our own game and stop them playing theirs, it will be very close - I know we can do it. I know we can win the game.

They can be there for the taking, once you impose your game on them, and I'm convinced of that."

The Leicester experience notwithstanding, there is no doubting the loyalties of the former Gaelic footballer from Knocklyon. When Leinster. his former province, played Leicester in the Heineken Cup last October, Miller contributed a piece to the match

programme.
I must spare a thought for home," he wrote, "... Ireland is the greatest place in the world and you never really appreciate it until you've been away. I know that sounds a bit clicheed, but the green is still in me and always will be."

Prop fined £1,000 for punching opponent

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

JASON FAYERS, the 23-yearold Edinburgh Academicals prop forward, was yesterday fined £1,000 and ordered to pay £500 compensation at a court in Jedburgh after being convicted of assaulting a Kelso player during a league match last November. Fayers had already been banned for four years by the Scottish Rugby Union before Christmas for punching Craig Halliday, of Kelso, and breaking his jaw.

According to the defence, the incident happened at a lineout after a series of infringements by Halliday. David Sole and Jeremy Richardson, both former internationals connected with the Academicals club, wrote to the court in mitigation.

In his letter, Sole claimed that it was an unwritten rule that players resolved their differences on the field if the referee did not. The former Scotland captain added that he had had his nose broken in three places on one occasion but refused to resort to court

action. However, the Procurator Fiscal Graham Fisher, said the letter displayed an element of cynicism that he felt was "rather worrying" for the

game. Although Ireland received the good news that three senior internationals, Nick Popplewell, Jonathan Bell and David Corkery, yesterday passed fitness tests for the match against England at Lansdowne Road tomorrow, they were forced into making one change in the A team to play England at Donnybrook today. Shane Leahy, of Garryowen, has a back injury and his place in the second row has gone to Steve Jameson, of St Mary's College.

Players in the Emerging Wales team to play France A at Périgueux tonight have been told they have a chance of breaking in the full Wales side. Terry Cooner, the national director of rugby, said yesterday: "All the selected Emerging Wales players fig-ure in our plans for the Welsh team. Whether that is longterm, medium term or shortterm doesn't matter. All will benefit from this exposure to a

higher level of competition." There are 12 former internafionals in the side, including Derwyn Jones, the 6st 10in second-row forward, who lost his place after an ineffective display when Wales were easily beaten by Australia in

Mark Perego, the former Wales and Llanelli flanker, has joined his former Stradey Park team-mates, Phil Davies and Colin Stephens, at Leeds, Perego, who has been capped nine times, will make his debut in the Courage Clubs Championship third division match at Exeter tomorrow.

Chesterfield aspire to new heights

THE FLOOD of foreign imports into the English game may have risen from a trickle to a torrent, but one club is attempting to produce home grown players to stem the tide. Chesterfield, better known for its crooked church spire and outspo-ken MP. Tony Benn, is fast achieving fame for its football club.

The Derbyshire town, nestled between the cities of Nottingham and Sheffield, at last has a centre of attention of its own instead of being overshadowed by its neighbours.

The Spireites — as Chesterfield are nicknamed — are chasing success on two fronts. A second promotion in three seasons would put them in the Nationwide League put them in the Nationwide League first division — their highest level since 1950 — while tomorrow the club competes in the fifth round of the FA Cup, again for the first time since 1950, when Nottingham Forest, of the FA Carling Premiership, visit Saltercate visit Saltergate.

John Duncan, the former Totten-



ham Hotspur and Derby County striker, is the mastermind behind this success. Now in his second spell as manager of the club, Duncan disregards the omen that you never go back.

Duncan places great emphasis on team preparation rather than tactics. The thing is to get players in teams and positions that suit them; then they are more likely to be able to show what they've got," he

There is no doubt that he places high physical demands on his players. "Nothing is easy in football but it does make it easier for me to train and coach them when they are willing to give as much as they do. I an't stress enough how hard they good chance," he said, work and train."

Duncan also has a slavewed eye for spotting ability - he has assembled entire team for £250,000 whether uncovering and nurturing roung talent such as Tom Curtis and Kevin Davies or revitalising he careers of journeymen such as lony Lormor and Gary Lond.

Curiis, a midfield player, was ported by Duncan while playing or Derby County's A team and until recently combined a full-time degree in physical education and geography at Loughborough University with part-time football.

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But it is Davies, the teenage striker, who is attracting the attention of scouts. Duncan seized the opportunity to sign him when he was released by Sheffield United because the lacked strength and

Since then Davies, now 19, has established himself as a first-team regular and sees his strengths as "being big, strong and pacey." His exploits in the last round brought him national attention: a hat-trick against first division leaders Bolton

Wanderers set up the lucrative derby against Forest tomorrow. Recently Davies turned down a proposed £400,000 move to promo-tion rivals Bristol City and his single-handed destruction of Bolton has sent his valuation soaring. "No disrespect to Bristol City, but I am hoping to do better and like any player I am hoping to go on to play in the Premier League, he said. Tomorrow, Davies has an oppor-

Tomorrow, Davies has an oppor-tunity to test his ability against one of his dream teams. This possibili-ties are not lost on him. The offer from Bristol City was a confidence booster but the game on Saturday is a bigger stage and an opportunity for me to match myself against the

Duncan is in no doubt about the future of his protege. "He's a young player who has the potential to go on and do well. At this stage of his development I have seen no-one better at his age." High praise from a man who was at Tottenham when Glenn Hoddle was starting out on his professional career.

"Kevin has a good footballing brain and has goals under his belt his application and intelligence is excellent and given an even break I will be disappointed if he doesn't make it to the very top."

Duncan describes the meeting with Forest as "the biggest game in the club's history" and Davies believes they will upset the form book. "We will try and unsettle them. If we can put ourselves about chasing and tackling we've got a

. Jave nothing to fear from Forest. We have shown we are difficult to competitions this season bear testimony to his words and the goals. scored by Bolton were the first Chesterfield have conceded in the

FA Cup. Chesterfield are hoping that the realities of football in the lower divisions will cushion them against the expensively-assembled Forest team. Each Chesterfield player is responsible for his kit and boots. and money is saved by making



Davies is hoping to rise to the occasion against Forest



Huckerby has found fulfilment since his move to Coventry

distant away games at Plymouth and Gillingham day trips rather

than overnight stays.

Up until this season, training sessions took place at two public parks that Kevin Randall, the assistant manager, has named Nou Camp and San Siro. This season the team frequent the Nou Camp because it is quieter and not so many members of the public use it to take their dogs for a walk.
Under these conditions it is hardly surprising that Duncan looks for players who are "self-motivated and self-reliant". Their

character, team spirit and resilience

are qualities Forest should beware.

Huckerby steps out of shadows as City's slicker

DARREN HUCKERBY was paid a huge compliment within hours of Kevin Keegan's resignation as manager of Newcastle United. It came in a hastily organised radio phone-in on that mad Wednesday afternoon, when callers alternately praised or berated Keegan in terms that were distinctly black or white. Most theories followed predictable

Then, in a rare moment of original thought, somebody sug-gested that of all Keegan's mistakes, his biggest was in selling Huckerby to Coventry City without giving the youngster a proper chance at St James Park.

The implication that Huckerby ranked alongside some of the international forwards at Keegan's disposal was probably exaggerated but at least confirmed the view that, within six weeks of joining his new club, Huckerby had become recog-nised as one of the most exciting young talents to hit the Premier League this season.

Speaking before he European under-21 championship match between England and Italy mistake was on Wednesday, Huckerby stressed that he did not renot giving him gret moving to Newcastle, but nor a proper did he hold misgivchance' ings about his departure. Where he

found Keegan a remote figure, a man with too much on his mind to spend time with a fringe player, he was soon singled out for special attention by Gordon Strachan, the Coventry manager. In fact, Huckerby, 20, is pleased

simply to be playing. At the start of the season, with Newcastle's reserve team disbanded, he was a frequent visitor to his parents' home on the outskirts of Nottingham on the weekends when his own team were playing away, and watched his mates in action in the amateur leagues around the city.
"It was ridiculous that I was a fully fit professional who trained all week but could not get a game, while these lads did their job from Monday to Friday and then played more football than I did." Huckerby said. Towards the end it was very difficult to stay motivated

game I could play was the odd friendly." His problem was epitomised in January last year after a rare appearance as a substitute against Chelsea. He thought he was making progress. A week later, Keegan signed Faustino Asprilla for £7.5

when I knew that I was fifth or

sixth-choice striker and the only

"It was similar when Alan Shearer joined last summer," Huckerby said. "Of course I learnt from training alongside somebody like that but it meant I was one place further down the order. When we were told the reserves had been scrapped, I knew it was time to go. When I first went to Newcastle I was amazed because at times there were more supporters at training than at some third division matches with Lincoln City. But that cannot

motivate you forever."
Rejection was nothing new to the youngster. Four years earlier, Notts County, the club he supported as a child, told him that at 5ft 5in (he is now five inches taller) he was too small and would not be offered a place as a trainee. His father, however, played in the same Sun-day side. Clifton Rangers, as Keith Alexander, then manager of Lin-

coln. For friendship's sake the boy was invited for a trial at Sincil Bank. Alexander watched for 20 minutes - and snapped him up. "His finishing was diabolical in 'Keegan's big

training but he had great pace," Alexander, who now has Huckerby's brother, Scott, under his charge at non-League likeston Town, said "We had just started a proper youth policy at Lincoln and

Darren was better than the players we had. He made his debut at 17 against Shrewsbury as a substitute and scored within five minutes." Lincoln received a club record fee

of £500,000 when Huckerby moved to Newcastle and Alexander believes that Keegan was shrewd enough to realise that he would make a profit on a resale if the player failed to break into the first team. Strachan, for his part, is entitled to feel that at El million his first signing is a bargain.

As Alexander observed, Huckerby is naturally quick with the confidence to run at defenders but under the tutelage of Strachan, he is gradually improving the timing and direction of his runs. His first goal came against Newcastle, which he describes without malice as the highlight of his career. That was one of three in a run of four matches, all won, that lifted Coventry away from the relegation area of

"Whatever happens I can say I was alongside great players at Newcastle," Huckerby said as he prepared for the FA Cup fourth-round tie against Blackburn Rovers tomorrow. "But now I want to be at the heart of things, not just somebody who happened to be there."

McIlroy's declining number in hot pursuit of leaders

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL by Walter Gammie

MACCLESFIELD Town remain buoyant in their pursuit of Kidderminster Harriers at the head of the Vauxhall Conference, having closed the gap from 15 points to four. having played the same number of matches, by thumping Hednesford Town 4-0 at Moss Rose on Tuesday. It was a swift way for Maccle field to bounce back after their 2-1 defeat away to Dover Athletic last Saturday - their first in the Conference since

December 10. Macclesfield's defence has conceded only 16 goals in 29 Conference matches, the midfield has been highly consistent and the attack has been reinforced by the arrival of Peter Davenport, from Southport, and Richard Landon, a loan signing from Stockport County, who scared twice against Hednesford.

Landon's loan period runs out after Macclesfield's home match against Rushden and Diamonds tomorrow. Sammy Mcliroy, the manager, said: "He's got on well here and I'll be speaking to Dave Jones at Stockport to see what the position is."

One player who has not settled is Carwyn Williams, the former Northwich Victoria forward, who has been placed on the transfer list at his own request. Mcllroy said: "I've got only 15 players. I had 18 or 19 players at the start of the season, whom I thought would give us every chance of winning the championship. Since the death of the chairman, we've had to cut back and simply get on with it. We've managed to steer clear of injuries and, if things stay

that way, who knows? Kidderminster entertain Altrincham tomorrow and Stevenage Borough, 15 points behind the leaders with four matches in hand, meet Kettering Town at Broadhall Way. Stevenage's prospects have been hit by the discovery that Barry Hayles, their striker, fractured his leg in their defeat away to Welling United. He will be out for at least a month. Stevenage and Kiddermin-

ster, after a 5-1 victory in a replay away to Emley on Tuesday, are two of only five Conference sides through to the the last 16 of the FA Umbro Trophy on March I. Bromsgrove Rovers may yet be the sixth. They replay against Hyde United, of the Unibond League, for the second time at the Victoria Ground on Monday.

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SPORTS LETTERS

Overseas influence is positive Prosecution bad for football

Sir, I am surprised that some rugby union coaches are complaining about the influx of overseas players taking the place of prospective England players in the senior clubs.

From Ms Jessica Wheeler

For an overseas player to get into his new club's first team. he must be the best for the position. If someone else is after the same position, his game must improve accordingly. Surely this will raise

In addition, as David Hands pointed out (article, January 30), for Richard Hill to play alongside the former South Africa captain, Francois

From Mr Paul Spelman

Sir, The Rugby Football Union says that it looks after the interests of the junior clubs as well as the senior clubs and the national teams. Why then does my club, Old Gaytonians, find itself in the situation this weekend, when Ireland play England at Lansdowne Road, that we are unable to travel to watch the game (as

we always have) because we have a league match? The only way we can get to

Out of Africa

From Mr R. E. Kemp

Positional sense

From Dr J. B. Evans well: Gerald Davies.

Yours sincerely. JOHN EVANS, Orchard Hill, Cross Oak Road. tutorial in the game. Hill's debut for England against Scotland was impressive. We should be positive about

the overseas players, who have a great deal to offer British rugby. A little bit of inside information does not do any harm, and if England aspire to beating the top teams in the world, why not learn from those who have played in them?

Yours faithfully JESSICA WHEELER, Huntsman's House, Kennel Drive. Badminton.

Ireland is if we forfeit the

match, ruining our chances of

promotion, or field half a first

team with half the second

team (who will be in Dublin

for the match anyway).

I don't know if it is the RFU

or Middlesex County RFU

this lixture, but whoever set

runners from Africa showed

the way in the 1904 Olympic marathon. Among the 14 (of a

field of 31) who completed the

course were two black South

Africans, Lentauw and Yama-

sani, who finished ninth and

They were both in St Louis working on a concession stand at the World Fair to which the

Olympics seem almost to have

been added as another side-

show. How, or by whom, they

were persuaded to run I

cannot trace but their achieve-

ments, so long overlooked,

69 Bradgate Road, Nottingham.

twelfth respectively.

deserve recognition.

Yours faithfully,

R. E. KEMP,

vho won't let us rearrange

Lack of interest

the agenda for junior clubs' league matches has no idea why we play this game. Yours faithfully. PAUL SPELMAN, 50 Dorset Waye, Heston, Middlesex.

Sir. Further to Bryant's Eye (February 6) the first distance-

Sir, Gerald Davies wrote (February 7) about Welsh rugby players having difficulties when played out of position. I remember one Welshman who managed a change quite

Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Will M. Vander Byl Pienaar, at Saracens is like a

Sir. I cannot see any advantage in the legal action that Bradford City are planning to take against Kevin Gray, the Huddersfield Town defender (report, February 6).

Gray's tackle on Gordon Watson in a match on February I left him with serious injuries, but, while a sum of money may compensate Watson and the club for loss of earnings in the short term such a case would not benefit them or the game of football in Had the former Stockport

County player, Brian McCord, not won damages against Swansea City and their captain, John Comforth, last year in such a case, then Bradford City would presum ably not have thought of taking this action.

If Bradford's action is successful, it will open the flood-

gates for many of these claims and ruin football as we know it. Many players would not make tackles for fear of such an incident occurring and the

reprisals for it. Bradford City also wish to pursue a criminal case against Gray under sections 18 and 20 of the Offence Against The Person Act. This charge suggests an intent to injure. No professional footballer

would deliberately set out to break another's leg in a game especially one as experienced and gentlemanly as Gray. Yours faithfully, W. VANDER BYL 126 Newtown Road.

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Le Tissier destined to walk alone

ow, not many people know this. In 1865, when John Wilkes Booth shot Abraham Lincoln. he was harhoured briefly by a man named Dr Mudd. This is all true. Consequently, so deeply unpopular was this Dr Mudd, that he became a byword for — well, for unpopularity. It was all jolly unfair. as it happens. His family have worked to clear the name ever since. Yet we still say "my name will be mud". And that's the way it goes.

I mention this for a good reason. Because one day, in the distant future, when your grandchildren thoughtlessly hurl the wounding insult "letitía" at each other, you will be able to say: "I know where that comes from! It's a corruption of the name Le Tissier and dates from the World Cup qualitier in February 1997, when Le Tissier became the most unpopular man in England!" And they will look at you with eyes stretched wide and say: "God, grandpa, you're so boring."

I have never been in a lynch mob, but after Wednesday night at Wembley Stadium I have direct experience of what it feels like. If enraged insults were javelins, Southampton's Matt Le Tissier would have been impaled to the pitch in the first 15 minutes by the folk sitting in block 228.

It would have been a single whoosh-whoosh-whooshwhump like the archery scene in Olivier's Henry V. Steam came out of ears, tops were blown off, and Le Tissier was always the man to blame. Even standing still and doing nothing at all, he got their goat perhaps because standing still was inappropriate in the circumstances. Anyway, "fat" and "useless" were the words I can repeat. There were several

others I can't. The fans in the upper section of block 228 - mostly rather fat and useless themselves, if I may say so - were not just mildly irritated by Le Tissier. His stodgy demeanour obsessed them, and they kept leaping up and pointing, like LYNNE TRUSS



Kicking and Screaming

excitable Chinese at a public denunciation. And they had their reasons, of course. 1 mean, he wasn't singlehandedly responsible for losing the match, but on this day of days, it was curious that Le Tissier seemed to be heeding the advice normally reserved for sickly Victorians - never run when you can walk.

Obviously, there is nothing certain about sport, but I had romantically assumed the opposite would happen on Wednesday. "Oh good, a chance for Le Tissier." I thought. In my mind's eye, he would embrace this opportunity to prove himself worthy of an England place, the way Gianluca Vialli played like a demon when finally allowed on for Chelsea against Liverpool the other week. Until Wednesday night, Le Tissier had played a total of 202 minutes for England, the ma-

His selection for the Italy match looked, therefore, like a boy's dream. Yet he was sidelined throughout, and when he finally left the field in the sixtieth minute - to be replaced by a skipping, energetic, and oh-so-popular Les Ferdinand — it looked very had for him. Arguably, he's just the scapegoat for a tactic that didn't work. But Ferdinand's entrance really rubbed it in. Here come the marines, really, really do.

jority of them some time ago.

and all that. Sensitive to the occasion, Ferdinand almost cartwheeled.

For me, this was the first international I've seen in which the team made sense as individuals. I now know what Stuart Pearce does for a living: it is slightly bizarre to see Batty, McManaman and Beckham all playing in the same shirt, in the same direction. Previously, my perception of the England team had echoes of the 1970s supergroup composed of people unheard of elsewhere. But now I can see how Crosby and Nash are soul mates, but that Stills has different ambitions, while Young is on a planet elsewhere on his own.

I have reached, in fact, the stage of thinking it's a miracle that they can play together at all. And like everyone else on Wednesday, I hated the risky, experimental nature of Glenn Hoddle's side. Give us what we know, for heaven's sake; this is serious. David Seaman was injured, but that's no excuse for giving Ian Walker all that responsibility. Having just read Alan Shearer's Diary of a Season (the one in which he famously celebrates win-ning a match by creosoting a fence), I looked forward to seeing Blackburn's Tim Flowers, whom Shearer repeatedly calls one of the best goalkeepers in England.

ncidentally, the Curse of the Programme Overtak-Len by Events prevailed again. Seaman on the cover; articles on Gascoigne, Viaili and England 2006. It was a disgruntling night altogether. dominated by a sense that we'd been deluding ourselves and living on dreams.

But at least I could shuffle back to the tube station and get home at lam, merely stunned with disappointment and shivering with the first symptoms of flu. Poor Le Tissier had to walk off thanklessly into history and become a byword. I've never understood why people dislike him so much; but I am forced to accept it now. They



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Dejected and in despair, Le Tissier trudges off at Wembley on Wednesday night

BOWLS

GOLF: SCORES ADJUSTED AFTER PLAYERS PROTEST AT BUGGY RULING IN FIRST ROUND AT SUN CITY

Officials make mountain out of steep incline

THEY were allowed not to march right up to the top of the hill, but should definitely have marched back down again. The first day of the Dimension Data Pro-Am in Sun City degenerated into near-farce yesterday, and it all had to do with golfers taking rides in

At the heart of the trouble was the steeply elevated 14th tee at the Lost City course, which is sharing the first two rounds with the nearby Gary Player course. To save the players having to carry crampons and abseiling rope in addition to clubs, they were allowed to get a lift on a buggy onto the tee.

So far, so good; but what they were

Answers from page 46

GRIGNARD

not told was that tournament officials had decided to apply a local PGA ruling that forbade them from coming back down the mountain on four wheels instead of two feet. The result was that most of the players were penalised two shots, including Nick Price, who had a 67 with eight other players to finish the day two shots behind Ronnie McCann, South Afri-

can-born but now a United States When Price's misdemeanour was discovered, he joined the rest who had hitched a lift down the hill and had paid for it with a two-shot penalty. He was not happy, and neither were the others, and, after increasingly heated

protests, the decision, which players

complained they had not been told about, was reversed and two shots were lopped off the unwitting offenders' scores again.

Price was relieved, especially as he had been heading nowhere in particular when he put together a run of seven birdies in the last 12 holes. His slice of justice having been achieved. Price said he would have been relieved to have finished with a par 72.

So would Severiano Ballesteros. The Europe Ryder Cup captain was making his first appearance of the season, but he probably wished he had stayed at home in Pedreña after a round of 32. It could have been worse - he was another who took a buggy ride. "It was just one of those days," he said. The beleaguered Ballesteros has, sadly, too many of those days these days. Tiger Woods, a man at the opposite

end of the career curve, is not put in the shade too often, but it happened to him yesterday in the Australian Masters at Huntingdale. Woods had a 68 for a share of fifth place, four strokes behind Lucas Parsons, of Australia. The bighitting Woods, 21, birdied all four par-

fives and used his driver only once. Talking of drivers, Nigel Mansell was frustrated by the lack of speed among his rivals in the Strokesaver Masters at La Manga, Spain. While they loitered, the former Formula One driver scorched round, but, after a 79. he was still 23 strokes behind David

SAILING

Food poisoning no deterrent

By EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT

radical, magnesium, and a halogen such as eblorine. An eponym of François Grignard (1871-1935), French chemist, who shared the 1912 Nobel Prize for Chemistry. FUCOID (a) Resembling or belonging to seaweeds, especially those belonging to the group Fucuceae. Or containing impressions of such seaweeds with markings similar to theirs.

WORD-WATCHING

(a) Organic chemical compounds, created by Grignard reagents, that found applications as some of the most versatile reagents in organic synthesis. Members of the class contain a hydrocarbon

MAUSER (a) The first successful rifle with a magazine. Patented in 1871 by Peter Paul Mauser (1838-1914), and developed and manufactured in 1884, in time for the Boer War. There were two versions: Ilum and 7.92mm. It took a metal cartridge. In the early version the soldier had to give the weapon a sharp tap to

throw out the spent cartridge. **EPISTASIS** (a) The interaction between genes at different places on a chromosome in which one can mask or even suppress another. This will lead to the expression of one hereditary characteristic,

and the exclusion of the other, when the two are controlled by alleles of different genes. More widely used to describe any interaction of non-allelic genes. Each gene may have favourable effects in some combinations and unfavourable effects such as overdominance in others.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Ni5! creates too many threats for Black to cope with, e.g. 1 ... exi5 2 Qg5naring, or 1 ... Qc7 2 Qhb again mating,

ADRIAN DONOVAN the skipper of Heath Insured II is continuing to hold on to second position in the tightlylought later stages of the short third leg of the BT Global

Challenge across the Tasman Sea from Wellington to This is a good performance by any standard but is especially so given that seven of his 14-strong crew, including himself, have been struck down

with food poisoning after eating kidney beans in a freezedried chilli con came. As Donovan reported yesterday, the Heath crew endured a "bad few hours" as they succumbed to stomach cramps, dizziness, shivering

and vomiting as their nearest

rivals, Toshiba Wave Warrior. Pause To Remember, Concert and Nuclear Electric tried to pick them off.

hours with me. John Shufflebottom (a company director from Cheshire) and Mike Babcock (a solicitor from London), taking two-minute spells at the wheel in between throwing up over the stern." Donovan said.

"We had an interesting few

"As people recovered, we had Concert level with us and the others coming in fast. Everyone was now very tired either from working extra or recovering from the sickness," Donovan said. He is determined to catch the race leader. Mike Golding on Group 4, who still leads the leg.

Golding has a notional tenmile advantage over Donovan but, with 450 miles still to sail. the leg is wide open, with five or six crews capable of taking line honours on Sunday. The breeze is blowing at ten to 14 knots out of the southeast, enabling the yachts to fly spinnakers.

by Synthia Morgan and Julie Davies, the defending champions, in the final of the pairs. in the Vendee Globe single-Ann Sutherland, of Torfaen handed non-stop round-thescored on only 12 out of 28 world race, the leader ends in the Welsh indoors Christophe Auguin, of France, singles linal, but still beat on Geodis. is now only 900 Jealian Willis, of Swansea miles from the finish after Sutherland scored a full house passing the Azores. Auguin is to tie the scores at 15-15 and an hoping to reach Les Sables even more important treble to d'Olonne by Sunday morning. win 21-20. Morgan, who will play the He is on course to break the single-handed non-stop

triples final today, bounced round-the-world record by up back later to skip her Radnorshire team to the fours title.

Avon ladies

on doorstep

of club final

By DAVID RHYS JONES

EGHAM B, who were hoping

to win the Yetton Trophy - for

the national women's inter-

club championship - for the

third time in succession, suf-

fered a 79-77 defeat at the

hands of Avon Valley in the

Both home rinks won for

Egham, but the away rinks,

skipped by Mavis Steele and

Ann Green, went down by one

and 14 shots, respectively, to Jean Thompson and Maureen

Avon Valley's opponents in

the semi-finals at New Earswick, York, on March 8

will be Teignbridge, who de-feated Atherley 81-72. Boston,

the 1994 champions, swept past Cumbria 98-72, and will

play Desborough, Maiden-head, the runners-up last year,

who beat County Arts 87-65.

in Wales, Betty Morgan's

hopes of winning three nat-

ional indoor titles vanished

yesterday when, with Jenny Davies, her Radnorshire

clubmate, she was beaten 18-16

quarter-finals yesterday.

It's that time of the week

Friday Night is Music Night. Radio 2.7.30pm.

There are those who think that everything, from the BBC to Cornish There are those who think that everything, from the BBC to Cornish pasties, has gone to pot and there are those who know better because they listen to this programme. Friday Night... has run every week since 1953, when it started as a vehicle for the BBC Concert Orchestra. The brief to its then conductor, Sidney Torch, was to "help people relax and put them in the right mood for the weekend". The mood is helped by the presenter, Robin Boyle, who not only sounds as if he should have slicked-back hair and wear a dickie bow, but actually does. For Valentine's night the show is live from the Hippodrome in Golders Green, London. Golders Green, London.

Hear and Now. Radio 3, 10.00pm.

I have not heard a preview tape of this but it promises to be an absorbing two hours. Desire, by Gerard McBurney, is a theatrical composition for speaker, chorus and orchestral ensemble which tonight receives its broadcast premiere. Simon Callow is the speaker and the work is performed by Birmingham Contemporary Music Group, conducted by Mark Elder. Desire is inspired by an exhibition of paintings at the Tate Gallery in London. As McBurney studied a particular group of paintings he envisaged a musical work "about the very act of staring, gazing, looking and by the other featured work tonight is Seance by James Wood, performed by the New London Chamber Choir and the Critical Band.

RADIO 1

7,60em Simon Mayo 9,00 Kevin Greening 12.00 Mary Anne Hobbs 2.00pm Nicky Cempbet 4.00 Mark Goodler 7.00 Pete Tong: Essential Selection, tealuring the best new dance music 10.00 One in the Jungle. Two hours of drum 'n' bass 12.00 Radio 1 Rap Show, Presented by Tim Westwood 3.00em Dave Clarks

RADIO 2

6.00am Sareh Kennedy 7.30 Weke Up To Wogen 9.30 Ken Gruce 11.30 Anne Robinson 1.30pm Debble Thrower 3.00 Ed. Stevent 5.05 John Durin 7.00 Speaking Volumes, with Sarah Kermedy 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night. See Choice 8.45 Rumpole for the Defence. Leo McKern reads John Mortime's classic tales 9.00 Listen to the Band 10.00 Sharidan Morley 12.05mm Charles No.

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00em Morning Reports 6.00 The Bresidest Programme, includes Reding Preview 8.35 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair Includes 12.35 Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Rive 4.00 John Invertiele Nationwide 7.00 News Edna 7.35 Parkinson on Sport 8.30 Friday Sport, with Robin Beiley. Football: a preview of the FA Cup fifth round; Cricket: the lesiest from the third Test between New Zealand and England in Christohurch 10.00 Paper Talk, with Briarr Alexander and Dernis Sewell 11.00 News Edna, with David McNeil 12.00 After Hours 2.00am Up All Night

TALK RADIO

12.00 Lorraine Kety 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Drivatims, with Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 Mike

All times in GMT News on the hour. 5.30mm Europe Today 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 Off the Shelf 7.30 Shared roosy 7.15 Off the Shelf 7.30 Shared Experiences 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Music Review 8.45 Early Versions 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Focus on Faith 9.45 Spots Roundup 10.30 BBC Fordies 10.45 G Total Conference 10.45

WORLD SERVICE

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CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Mike Read 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Concerto. Tchallovsky (Piano Concerto No 1 in Bo minor Op 23) 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Classic Newsright 7.30 Sonata. Mozart (Fluta Sonata in Bo Major K10) 8.00 Eventing Concert. Wolf Ferrari (Doctor Cupid Overture); Besplight (Birth of Venus); Prokofiev (Romeo and Juliet); Tall (Spern in Allum) 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Selly Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 7.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Alan Freeman 12.00

(Divetimento in D): Glazunov (Comorfo baliata in C). 9.00 Morning Collection. Stravinsky (Circus Polica); Pulses (Survicus et C). Dukas (Symphony in C) 10.00 Musical Encounters.

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Includes Josquin (Motet:
Stabat Mater Dolorosa);
Prokofiev (Sonata for
Unaccompanied Volins in
Unison); Janacek (Madi)
12.00 Composer of the Weelc
Schumann

1.00pm News; St David's Half Lanchtine Recital, Bernad d'Ascoli, piano, Schumann (Kinderszenen); Debussy (Estampes); Chopin (Adante Spianato and Grande Polo-naise Brillante in 5 fest)

naise Brillante in E flat)

2.00 How Do You Get to
Carnegle Hall? Sarah
Chang, violin. Paganini (Violin
Concerto No 1 in D, 3rd mvt)

2.15 Music Restored. Wynske

Jordans and Leo van Doeselaar play historic pianos from the collection of Edwin Baunk Schubert (Overture in

Midsummer Night's Dream)
3.00 Mining the Archive.
Concluding the exploration into the music-making of

Sandor Vegh 5.00 Müsic Machine (r) 5.15 in Tune, includes Widor (Toccata, Organ Symphony No 5): Gluck (O Del Mio

Net 3): Suck (O De Mio Doke Ardor): Handel, arr Beecham (Love in Bath) 7.30 BBC Soctish Symphony Orchestra, under Osmo Vanska. With Paul Meyer, clarinet. Live from the Music Half in Aberdeen Warner Half in Aberdeen, Wagner (Overture Tannhauser) 8.10 News from North Britain (3/5) 8.30 Part 2. Sibelius

8.30 Part 2. Sibelius
(Symphony No 2)
9.20 The Outline around the
Shadow (5/5)
9.40 Taking Three to Tango.
Includes Stravirsky (Tempo di
tango) and Frank Zappa (BeBop Tango) (3/3)
10.00 Hear and Now. See Choice
12.00 Composer of the Week:
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1.00 Through the Night

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5.55em Shipping (LW) 6.00 News 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island

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10.00 News; Antumar Leaves (FM)
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10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour
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12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Food Programme, with
Derek Cooper 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55
Shipping Forecast
2.00 Classic Serial: The Citadel,
by A.J. Cronin (24) (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
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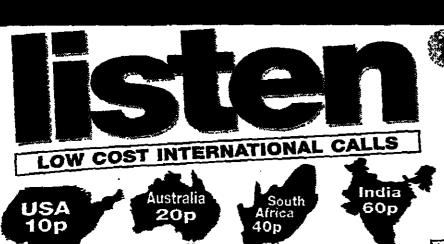
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talks to Sheena McDonald about his controversial new book As if (r) 9.59 Weather 9.30-11.30 Test Match Special (LW). Coverage of the second day's play 10.00 The World Tonight (FM) 10.45 Book at Bedtime: House (Splendid Isolation (FM) (5/tm)

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11.00 Week Ending (FM)
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11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00 News 12.30 The Late Book:

Regeneration (5/10) 12.30-4.30mm Test Match Special (LW). Continued coverage 1.00 As World Service

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t did not take long to discover why bonobos had not graced our television screens before. As the new series of Wildlife on One (BBCI) graphically revealed, these were seriously rude St Valentine's Day, one suspects, is not big in the particular patch of

Zairean rainforest that this littleknown branch of the great ape family inhabits. Romance? Well let's just say if you sat a hundred bonobos at typewriters for 1,000 years, they wouldn't even spell it right. Nor would they get very far with Shakespeare, as David Attenborough gently explained.

Bonobos favour one particular means of diffusing tension: sex. He had the pictures to prove it.

Everyone does it with everyone else ... was not a sentence I ever thought I'd hear the saintly Attenborough whisper. On the other hand, you could see why he was keeping his voice down:

BBC1

"...males with males, females with females, adults with young." As the nation's living rooms echoed to a chorus of "what's he doing now daddy?" the wisdom of Attenborough's opening remarks came into question. Bonobos or pygmy chimpanzees, he explained, were perhaps our nearest living relative". In which case could somebody please explain what Great Uncle Bonobo was doing rushing round in a state of excitement that would not be

the pygmy bit come in? This was a night when script-writers anthropomorphised at their peril. Shijimi, the small orphaned male who was supposed to make us all go "ah", appeared to be the primate version of a rent boy. Without a mother, we learnt, Shijimi was at a distinct disadvantage in the complex matriarchy that is bonobo society. So he made

countenanced after midnight let

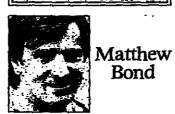
alone at 8 o'clock? And where did

up for it by being extremely nice to the fully grown males, mutual

grooming and er, so on.
These alliances, said Atenborough, disapprovingly, "are no substitute for a mother's tender care...but at least he has friends." Sadly, however, not enough. Shijimi spent the rest of the programme being beaten up by other boys mothers and was eventually mugged by an infant less than half his size. Despite much evidence to the contrary, it's not all fun being a bonobo.

There'd been no sex at all so far in Reckless (ITV), in contrast to the above and certainly to all the fevered hype that preceded this series. But we did have just a little bit right at the end of last night's episode two. Take off your clothes, please," commanded Anna (Francesca Annis). So Owen did, offering us in the process a brief glimpse of the Robson Green REVIEW

Embarrassed by relatives behaving badly



bottom. And do you know, it didn't look a bit like Great Unde Bonobo's. Nearest living relative? What utter nonsense.

This was a crucial episode for Paul Abbott's new drama, the one that would determine whether we would last the distance. And despite it being underwritten (whole minutes went by as our highly qualified, professional hero went looking for his out-of-work

to buy a new suit) and occasionally unbelievable (if you had been unfaithful would you really confess all to an answering machine?) the answer - in my case, at least is I shall be. I think.

On the plus side the music didn't annoy me until well into part two. On the minus side, Owen Springer (Green) did, which was worrying as unless I'd got the plor entirely wrong he was supposed to be our hero. Abbott, however, is playing a clever but dangerous game and the main reason for sticking with the series (apart from Annis, of course) is to see whether he's clever enough to write himself out of the tight corner he wrote himself into

Last night, you see, was the night the dramatic conventions of eternal triangles were turned on their head. It was the night when the hero regressed to being a tiresomely obsessed adolescent ("I

don't go for older women. I just go for you") and the so-called baddie (Michael Kitchen, playing Anna's husband and Springer's boss) was revealed as witty, clever (from Socrates to plastics in 50 words or under - that's why you married me") and rich. As Anna said to her best friend: "Would you jeopardise it all for a man 15 years younger. who looks like a boxer?

ell, you would if your witty, clever and rich husband also turned out to be an adulterer and your jealous admirer secretly ensured you found out about it. All of which meant that when Owen and Anna finally got to do the bonobo thing. she was out for revenge and he was feeling thoroughly ashamed of himself. What chance true love now? With four episodes to go, clearly better than you might

Finally, a quite outstanding trio

Mummies — Horizon Special (BBC2). Tim Haines's film lacked the natural advantages of its predecessors, in that the finding of a new ice mummy marked the end of his film rather than the beginning. The scientific detective story that made the stories of the Ice Maiden and Ice Man so fascinating was just starting as the body of an ice child made its way down the slopes of Sara Sara in the Andes and the final credits rolled.

But what it lacked in applied science, it made up for with the mystery of the Incas, the grim fascination of capa cocha, or child sacrifice ceremonies, and the excitement and exasperation of carrying out an archaeological dig at 18,000 feet.

"This was her Heaven," concluded Nigel le Vaillant's narration. "Now she's off to a freezer at Arequipa University." The gods will not be best pleased.

6.00em Business Breakfast (47527) 7.00 BRC Breakfast News (1) (50545) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (8760627) 9.20 Style Challenge (1490066)

9.45 Kilroy (6758530) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (51085) 11.00 News (T) and weather (6334733) WALES: 11.00 Welsh Conservative Conference (34805694)

11.05 The Really Useful Show (3308882) 11.35 Change That (5219511) 12.00 News (T) and weather (6343559). 12.05pm The Alphabet Game (5929627) 12.30 Going for a Song (7203462)

12.55 The Weather Show (34327608) 1.00 News (T) and weather (84062) 1.30 Regional News (98244191) 1.40 Neighbours (T) (20813882) 2.05 FILM: Outback (1988) A headstrong

young woman (Tushka Bergen) finds herself tom between two contrasting men in turn-of-the-century Australia. Directed by Ian Barry (4673086)

3.30 Playdays (1622172) 3.50 The Friday Zone (3279820) 4.55 Newsround Extra (T) (3053801) 5.10 Blue Peter [T)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (985511) 6.00 News (T) and weather (917)

6.30 Newsroom South East (269) 7.00 Sig Break Jimmy White, Gary Wilkinson and Rod Lawler cue up to amaze on the baize in the hot-potting snooker game show (T) (9288) 7.30 Top of the Pops (1) (153)

8.00 Dad's Army Mainwaring can hardly control his excitement when he finds a real, live German stuck up the town's clock (r) (T) (5608)

8.30 A Question of Sport with guests Emlyn Hughes and Fatima Whitbread, cricketer Alian Lamb and rugby union player John Jeffrey (1) (7443)

9,00 News (1) and weather (6795) 9.30 Silent Witness New eight-part drama senes featuring Amanda Burton as forensic pathologist Dr Samantha Ryan (T) (850511)

10.20 The Mrs Merton Show New Series of intimate chat. Tonight's guests are Jonathan Ross and Jeff Banks (T) (596202) WALES: 10,20 The Cellulaid World of Dezmand Rezillo (596202) 10,50 The Mrs Merton Show 160559) 11.20 FILM: An Officer and a Gentleman (201207) 1.20em FILM: Permanent Record (2782863) 2.50 News

10.50 FILM: An Officer and a Gentleman (1982) with Richard Gere as a Navy recruit whose relationship with mill worker Debra Winger is forced on to the sidelines as he is put through his paces by a tough, uncompromising sergeant. Directed by Taylor Hackford (83143795)

12.50am FILM: Permanent Record (1988) with Keanu Reeves and Alan Boyce, A high-school is thrown into turmoil when a brilliant student with everything to live for commits suicide. Directed by Merisa Silver (7416738) 2,20 Weather (5326592)

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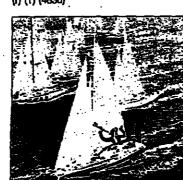
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Wild Show (r) (1) 8.20 Just So Stories
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2.00 Just So Stories (r): 2.10 Sport on Friday Highlights of the skiling world championships from Sestriere in tray feeturing the men's giant statom and the women's combined events, and previews the weekend's five nations matches (267066) 3.55 News (T) 4.00 Today's the Day (882) 4.30 Ready Steady, Cook (406) 5.00 Esther (7066) 5.30 Going, Going, Gona (646)

6.00 Star Trek (r) (T) (737608) 6,50 Electric Circus Includes a review of Kenneth Branagh's version of Hamlet

7.00 A Wild Romance An amusing look at love and romance in the animal kingdom



The challenge continues (7.30cm)

7.30 The BT Global Challenge Update from the second leg — Rio de Janeiro to Weilington via treacherous Cape Horn

series Cameron McNeish walks Knoydart with poet and historian Professor David Craig (T) (6578)

8.30 Gardening from Scratch Helen Yemm suggests simple design ideas and solutions to common problems (1) (5085) 9.00 Red Dwarf Lister seeks psychiatric help from Kryten (1) (4337)

9.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks (r) (1) (80085) 10,00 Room 101 Germaine Greer reveals her

pet hates (r) (T) (41608) 10.30 Newsnight (1) (256191)

11.15 Space: Above and Beyond Military cadets are plunged into an intergalactic war (208714) 12.00 Stuff the White Rabbit John Lenahan

hosts a new officeat magic show (67660) 12.30-2.10am FILM: Summer Interlude (1950, b/w) with Maj-Britt Nisson and Birger Malmstan. This romantic drams about young love directed by Ingmar Bergman established Bergman's Inter-national reputation. Featuring the Royal Stockholm Opera Ballet. In Swedish with English subtitles (82202)

CHOICE Silent Witness: Blood, Sweat and Tears BBC1, 9.30pm

Amanda Burton returns as Dr Sam Ryan, Amanda borron renims as Dr Sam kyan, the steely forensic pathologist whose business is gleaning evidence from dead bodies. Although the show has never been shy about exhibiting its corpses, high ratings suggest that audiences are remarkably unsqueamish. On the slab tonight are the mortal remains of a boxer who collapsed and died effer a fight but have a bead injury which died after a fight but has a head injury which was sustained outside the ring. Trust Ryan to be suspicious. Meanwhile, her family troubles rumble on. Last time it was her ailing old Mum. Now Mum has passed on and the focus is on her poor and jobless sister Wyn (Ruth McCabe). Wyn is one of the few characters to survive from the first series. The most notable newcomer is a detective superintendent (Mick Ford) who has tangled with Ryan, professionally and personally, before and looks set to do so again.

The Mrs Merton Show BBC1, 10.20pm (Wales & Scotland, 10.50,

The joke which underpins this enterprise is that by assuming the guise of a dowdy Lancashire housewife Caroline Ahearne can dare to ask questions that would be impossible if she appeared as herself. It has worked spectacularly, even embarrassingly, well in the past, as poor Chris Eubank can testify. But either Mrs M has mellowed or her victims are getting wiser. Whichever way, she cannot get a thing past either of tonight's guests. Jeff Banks and Jonathan Ross. It helps that both men are experienced television performers and, in Ross's case, no stranger to the talk show host's chair. The result is a no-score draw. Ahearne's forays into the studio audience (mostly jolly middleaged women) yield a little more and at least nobody is trying to plug anything.

Here's Johnny Channel 4, 10.30pm

Johnny is Johnny Vaughan, host of this channel's Moviewatch and one of those noisy, know-all presenters so much in favour at the moment. His new show is not easy to define, though it is suffused by what is obviously intended to be an irreverent form of humour. One of the regular items is having fun at the expense of a celebrity by visiting his home area and asking local expected to squirm with embarrassment as the results are relayed to him, the studio audience and to us. Vaughan also fancies himself as an investigative reporter, in which guise he promises to reveal what it is that men do in their allotment sheds. And there is a "lurker of the week" award to people who manage to get themselves in the background of television news reports.

Channel 4, 12,45am

The show celebrating black music returns with more acts that the record companies the first British television programme to feature Killing Me Softh by the Fugees, which became the biggest-selling single in the country last year. It can also claim to have furthered the career of Mark Morrison. The format remains the same, a presenterless assembly of videos, interrupted only by short pieces to camera (known as idents in the trade) by artists who may well appear in future programmes. The show prides itself on being raw and uncensored and some of the material is hardly family viewing. Even so, to put Flava on so late may negate the whole object of the exercise, which is to find a wider audience for an ignored area of popular music. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (1304795) 9.25 Win. Lose or Draw (1408085) 9.55 Regional News (1) (5483849) 10.00 The Time, The Place (81801) 10.30 This Morning (33736608) 12.20pm Regional News (1) (6332443) 12.30 News (T) and weather (7298530)

12.55 Wish You Were Here? (r) (7213849) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (15936172) 1.50 Shortland Street (4856795) 2.50 High Road (T) (5734356) 3.20 News (T) (5235231)

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5.10 A Country Practice (7784085) 5.40 News (T) and weather (168917) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (119424) 6,25 HTV Weather (498578) 6.30 HTV News (T) (337)

7.00 Wheel of Fortune (1) (4356)



Tracy Brabin stars (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street Curty tries to make makes an unexpected appearance (T)

8.00 The Bill Croft and Skase disagree when they have to choose between investigating an assault charge and a cocaine deal (T) (3004)

8.30 Holding the Baby Gordon learns he is going to be replaced by his boss's secretary and his layabout brother Rob faces an equally terrible problem somebody has offered him a job (2511)

9.00 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: May and June (2/2) As May settles into her new her sister in everyone's attections, including John's. Only Margery senses a sinister undertone (T) (5337)

10.00 News (T) and weather (61462) 10,30 FILM: Look Who's Talking (1989) with John Travolta, Kirstle Alley, Olympia Dukalds, George Segal and featuring the voice of Bruce Willis. Hughly successful romantic comedy about the relationship that developes between a pregnan woman, the cabbie who drives her to the maternity hospital and her newborn baby.

Mikey. Dire (58631578) 12.35am Dial L for Lury Valentine's Day compilation of love songs teaturing videos by Marvin Gaye, Medonna and Hot Chocolate (7410554) 2.05 Club Nation (2995825)

3,05 Shift (1801196) 4.05 Deer Nick (r) (5992757)

5.00 Coronation Street (r) (1) (79080)

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4.45 Central Jobfinder '97 (8235738)

3.50 Crazy for Love (2537399)

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regional bands Plus interviews with Cathy Dennis and Rod Argent (433998) 12.35am Dial L for Lury (7410554)

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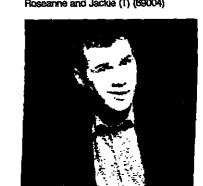
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Le Tissier must not carry the blame

Hoddle fails to let England in on the secret

By ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE italians have a word for what happened to England on Wednesday night: auto-lesionistico, self-wounding.

As the Italy players dined late after the I-O victory in

their World Cup group two qualifying game at Wembley. some of them still could not believe the gamesmanship attempted by Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, that had played into their hands, or England's attempts to surprise them with the maverick Le Tissier instead of flatten them with the sheer weight of power of Ferdinand, whom both feared and

respected.

If they had played Ferdi-nand from the start it would have given us far more problems, as everyone saw when he came on and we began to feel the effects," Zola, whose goal had proved so decisive,

Di Matteo, his Chelsea and Italy team-mate, said that the Italians had known from early in the day that England might spring Le Tissier, but had chosen to do nothing about it. And Costacurta, the AC Milan centre back who had surprised even himself with his efficiency as a *libero*, com-mented: "I was really sur-prised he [Hoddle] played Le l'issier because somebody like lan Wright would have made it more difficult for me."

Even the visitors, then, were homing in on the national scapegoat, Le Tissier, as if he alone was responsible for a defeat so comprehensive, so total in the elements of technioue and tactics, that surely it could not have been a one-

By all accounts, Hoddle was intent yesterday on "finding the mole" who leaked his intended surprise formation. He should not waste his

Rather, England can learn, in both the short and longterm, to face realities, to appreciate that English discomfort on the ball and in new formations stems from that old familiar thing: a lack of

Graham Le Saux told it like it is as soon as he came off the field. They passed the ball better." he admitted. "They knew when to play, when to use one touch, when to hold

Pearce, at 34 and with 73 caps the most experienced, as well as the oldest defender in England colours, had been negligent in allowing Zola to find the space for the goal, even if Sol Campbell, the young Tottenham Hotspur centre back, blamed himself yesterday for not covering Pearce and attempting the interception a crucial halfvard earlier.

Behind them, Ian Walker had looked out of position at the vital moment. He has an

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excuse, which is no excuse for him being there in the first place. Tony Lanighan, the Tottenham physiotherapist, subsequently confirmed a rumour that Walker had played with a pain-killing injection into an inflamed shoulder.

"He had this injury for a few weeks, but didn't tell anybody." Lanighan said. "We noticed a problem when Roberto Di Matteo scored Chelsea's second goal from long-range against us. lan went for it with his right arm instead of the left."

Doubtless the Italians knew of this defect. Did Hoddle? One is hesitant to join in the melodrama, the Machiavellian games that a young, and hopefully still learning, Eng-

land coach has indulged in this past formight. But Hoddle must not panic into joining the chorus, much of it precon-ceived, that isolates Le Tissier as the fulcrum of England's

Certainly the saint of South-ampton did not impress. Who did? England had the appear-ance of the unrehearsed; injuries to key players contributed to that, but so did the strange and protracted England game

Hoddle waited far too long for lame individuals. The consequence of this was that not only was the nation left essing at the Wembley lineup but so were the England

They learnt whether they vere in or out at around teatime on Tuesday. Can you imagine Brazil, Germany. Holland or Italy going into such an important interna-tional match with so little preparation?

Abroad, away from our 'superior" island, they have long accepted that there are no secrets worth preserving, that the public has a right to knowledge of players in a public game, that practice sessions might as well be free and open. Cesare Maldini, at 65 Italy's new national coach, spoke after the victory of England attempting undercover games that were outdated in Italy 15 to 20 years ago. the world, there is a TV set," he said. "Therefore we know all of the English players, their defects and their capabilities."

It was like a tap on the shoulder to a young pretender. If Hoddle believed that Italy had taken any kind of a chance, for example in blooding Fabio Cannavaro as the marker to Alan Shearer. he is mistaken. Italy go in for continuity; Maldini Sr has for ten years taken care of the under-21 team. And so he knew Cannavaro inside out, knew that he was suited to the task. It is called professionalism and it is followed on the Continent with a longer-term strategy than in England.



Nick Price launches a drive against the backdrop of hills around Sun City in the first round of the Dimension Data Pro-Am. Report, page 50

Atherton prepares for Ashes mission

FROM ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

IN CHRISTCHURCH MICHAEL ATHERTON believes that England have at last hit upon a team likely to offer continuity and consistency, qualities that have remained elusive during his time as captain. He also suggests it should be kept for the forthcoming Ashes summer

Such confidence may seem dangerously premature after a single, overdue Test victory, but Atherton was in deter minedly upbeat mood on the eve of the final Test match against New Zealand, which began here this morning.

Contrasting sharply with his New Zealand counterpart. Lee Germon, who is assailed by criticism on all sides and faced a late fitness test on a groin injury that obliged a stand-by call to Adam Parore, Atherton emphasised his view that England have played praiseworthy Test cricket all

take no notice or simply disagree but I maintain that our Test performances have been good throughout the tour. We have had the odd poor session, though these are and we look well balanced. The top six is settled, giving us decent totals, and, apart from a couple of occasions, we have

tion.
The two spinners here have become a key part of our cricket and I would like to think that will remain the case this summer. I certainly believe we have the makings of a more consistent side and hope that we can now look forward to establishing that degree of continuity which makes everyone's job a bit

Although admitting that Dominic Cork has been encountering problems, Ather-ton said: "He will come good again, I'm sure of that." Cork might have benefited, yesterday, from the presence of England's bowling consultant,

It is the heaviest suspension

which came 24 hours after

Goulding had backed down

on his contract dispute at St

Helens and withdrew a trans-

fer request. However, the saga

does not end there for St

Helens, whose officials will

appear before the RFL board

of directors with their counter-

El.35 million last July.

Ian Botham, but he was once again absent and his input to this leg of the tour has been

Atherton declines, publicly at least, to look ahead so positively on a personal front but there is no doubt that he wants to retain the captaincy against Australia and no question that he will have his wish. so long as England's command of this series does not wither over the coming five

Even while his team was



Atherton: confident

ership was consequently under intense scrutiny, Atherton has cut a relaxed figure on this tour. He has been more comfortable than before with his tactical grip and, in Wellington, his manipulation of the game through bowling and field changes

of the new England manament committee, endorsed this view when he said yesterday: "There was a sense from the outset, in Wellington, that they had only one thing in their heads, and that was winning. You may say this should always be the case but too often negative thoughtscreep in."

Bennett has spoken regularly by telephone with Atherton and the coach, David Lloyd, during the tour, and since joining the party he has had informal meetings with each of them. "It is important that I don't deflect them from the job they have to finish," he said. "I am here to observe and

month, at which the decisions included the appointment of John Barclay, manager of this tour, to chair a development committee, and the reappointment of Doug Insole, one of the establishment pillars of the English game, as chair-man of the international sub-

identifying a new chairmar of selectors remains the outstanding item on Bennett's agenda. Although the role is being deliberately downgradchairman, for instance, will defer to Bennett on disciplinary matters — its profile will remain high.

Bennett confirmed yesterday that he is open-minded about paying a salary to the successful candidate, who will be selected only after a shortlist of contenders have been interviewed early next month. Counties are free to make nominations but Bennett's committee can headhunt if they so wish. David Graveney remains a clear favourite.

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Goulding banned for two months after high tackle

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE Rugby Football League match at Leeds, on April 11. showed Bobbie Goulding no mercy yesterday. The St Hel-ens captain and Great Britain which also carried a £500 fine. was a surprise. David Howes, scrum half was given an eightthe St Helens chief executive. match suspension for a headhigh tackle that led to his dismissal in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup fourth round defeat of Wigan last Saturday.

St Helens are expected to appeal against the length of the ban, which means that Goulding cannot appear in the Challenge Cup again until the final, on May 3. Even if St Helens do get through three more rounds to reach Wernbley, the holders will also be without Coulding for their first five matches in the defence of their Stones Super

1993 Challenge Cup final while he was playing for on which he can return is the The severity of the sentence, Widnes, but he was taken aback by the severity of his latest punishment.

said: "We accept it was a high handed out by the RFL disciplinary committee since it banned David Bradbury, the tackle, but consider there were mitigating circumstances.
"We are considering Oldham forward, for seven months in April 1995 for a grounds for appeal and have even days to lodge that. It's high tackle that broke the jaw fair to say that the club and of Lee Harland, of Castleford. The committee took 50 minutes to arrive at its decision,

player are devastated."
Without Goulding, 12 players still managed to beat Wigan, but the loss of their playmaker leaves St Helens seriously disadvantaged for Goulding has had less severe brushes with the disciplinary panel before, including a fine

for misconduct during the

parts form Wigan today to explain the brawling that was sparked by Goulding's tackle on Neil Cowie, the Wigan It is likely that both clubs will be fined, in keeping with the seriousness with which the disciplinary panel viewed Goulding's stiff-arm tackle. Not only was the sentence designed to curb such potentially dangerous challenges in future, members presumably took note of the damage to the game's image caused by such an incident in an important match seen widely on terrestri-Meanwhile, lestyn Harris, Goulding's Great Britain halfback partner, has been invited back to training by Warrington. Harris has been training

Goulding, left, fells Cowie, of Wigan, last weekend

Brighton's appeal is rejected

BRIGHTON and Hove Albion failed yesterday with their appeal to the Football Association against a two-point penalty imposed after pitch invasions during their home game against Lincoln City on October 1 last year. After a hearing at Lancaster Gate, the FA's headquarters, an appeals board confirmed that two points would remain deducted from Brighton's total at the foot of the Nationwide League

The pitch invasions at the Goldstone Ground, involving protests against David Bellotti, the club's chief executive, and the rest of the Brighton board, took place with Brighton already under a suspended three-point deduction imposed after a match against York City was abandoned last season. Bellotti, who put the club's case yesterday, argued in vain that the punishment could influence Brighton's league survival. since they are presently three points behind next-placed Doncaster Rovers

Southend United are expected to make an announcement today on the future of Ronnie Whelan, the first division club's manager. Whelan was suspended by the club this week after being ordered from the touchline during Southend's 3-0 defeat at Manchester City last weekend in an incident that led to the dismissal of his assistant. Theo Foley, and charges of misconduct against Whelan

and Foley. Patrick Kluivert is to join AC Milan from Aiax before alone since relations between the start of next season. The him and the club deteriorated Holland striker, 20, has and he was placed on the transfer list with a value of signed a four-year contract

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